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**I**N Granite City and vicinity are located these great industries, the St. Louis Coke and Iron Company, The Commonwealth Steel Foundry, The American Steel Foundry, The National Enameling and Stamping Company, The Granite City Steel Works, The Union Starch and Refining Company, The F. J. Lewis Manufacturing Company, Midland Creosote Company, The Hoyt Metal Company, The National Lead, Mirific Products Company, American Car and Foundry Company, Laclede Steel Company, Barber Asphalt Company, and other large industries.

**GREAT DEVELOPMENT** and Progress has been made here in the past ten years and the next ten years will witness a far greater development. Truly—This Industrial District will soon be The Largest Steel Center in The World.

## Scribes of Southern Illinois: Granite City Welcomes You!

Here in the Pittsburgh of the West we have dusted off the doormat so that you members of the Southern Illinois Editorial Association may plainly see the words of "Welcome," enscribed thereon.

The citizens of Granite City extend to you the full measure of hospitality and trust that your stay in our city may be replete with all of the joy that you anticipated; that your convention may be a success in every way and that you may inspire each other with the spirit of Americanism that bids every citizen of a good home town to boost and work to make it better in every way.

It is you, the bearers of the Torch of Progress and light in your respective communities, that have the full measure of this duty resting upon your shoulders and may you discharge that duty in such a way that will cement together and help build up the spirit of patriotism in these United States.

Again we bid you welcome, and may your visit be so pleasant that you will return home with an earnest desire to make Granite City another visit in the future.



# A Business Growth Based On the Solid Foundation of Public Satisfaction!



WALTER R. DENNIS



HERBERT W. DENNIS

The tremendous growth and rapid expansion experienced by this concern is based on the most substantial of all foundations — Public Confidence. Since its inception 13 years ago, the firm of Dennis Bros. has grown rapidly and consistently, each year bringing an ever-increasing number of satisfied patrons and swelling the volume of business to an amount thought impossible the year before. Each year there was an increased demand for a larger and more complete stock and time after time Dennis Bros. were forced to add to facilities to meet this demand.

FROM THIS SMALL STORE IN 1911,

containing only 1200 square feet of floor space and a stock which was limited to a few staple items, Dennis Bros. has grown until it now occupies practically the entire area of the massive Dennis Bros. Building at Niedringhaus avenue and D street and carries regularly in stock the largest and most complete assortment of house furnishings of all kinds to be found anywhere in the southern part of Illinois.

Oct. 20, 1911—1200 square feet.



## DENNIS BROS. --- 1924

More than 38,000 square feet of floor space, devoted exclusively to the display of fine quality furniture -- the largest and most complete stock in Southern Illinois.

**T**HE phenomenal manner in which Dennis Bros. has grown from a small enterprise to the largest concern of its kind in this territory is due to our policy of honest dealing, honest merchandise and honest prices. This institution offers for sale only goods of a quality which we are willing to stand behind—and we have always maintained prices at the lowest possible level consistent with sound business. We have consistently passed on to our patrons, the big savings resulting from economies possible through our large purchasing power and location which enables us to do business at a much lower cost than would otherwise be possible. These factors together with the fact that liberal credit terms have been extended to everyone has enabled this concern to develop until it now serves probably more people in the Tri-Cities and the surrounding territory in Southern Illinois than any other furniture house in the St. Louis district. Furniture buyers who want highest quality furniture at the lowest prices to be found anywhere will find that the very same things which have made Dennis Bros., a truly big institution, will make their purchases here a pleasing and satisfactory transaction—highest quality at lowest prices, easy convenient credit terms, and an interest in your satisfaction long after the actual purchase has been forgotten.—When you need furniture, COME TO DENNIS BROS., FIRST!

# DENNIS BROS

The Largest and Most Complete Furniture House in Southern Illinois.

GRANITE CITY, ILL.





W. G. BERGNER

Fifteen years in business in the Tri-Cities has seen the Bergner Plumbing, Heating & Supply Company become one of the largest operators in sanitary and heating installations in the middle west.

A large percentage of the factories, business buildings, and homes built in Granite City and throughout the State have been equipped with plumbing and heating systems by this firm.



THE HOME OF THE BERGNER PLUMBING, HEATING AND SUPPLY CO.  
1925 STATE STREET



A. J. BERGNER

Guardians of the Community's Health—That is the duty of your plumbing and heating contractor.

Your home, your factory, your store, the hotel is as nothing if it were not for the work and the handcraft of the plumber and steamfitter.

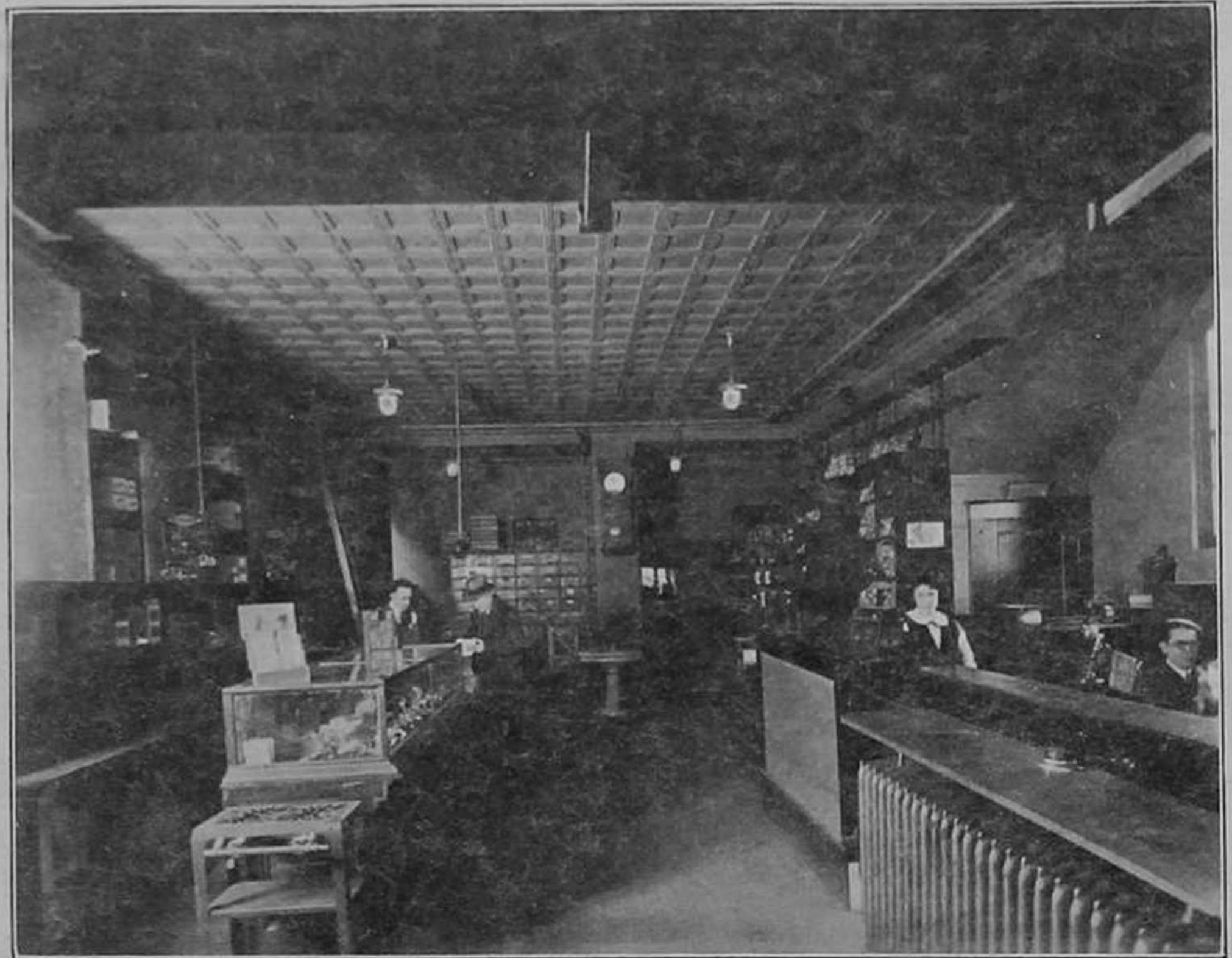
We are your servants and we want to serve you well. What would your home be without the plumbing and heating therein?

The store and offices have recently been remodelled to keep pace with the rapid advancement and growth of sanitary and heating requirements. Up to date equipment and time saving devices have been installed, so as to complete all transactions necessary to satisfactorily fill the wants of customers quickly.

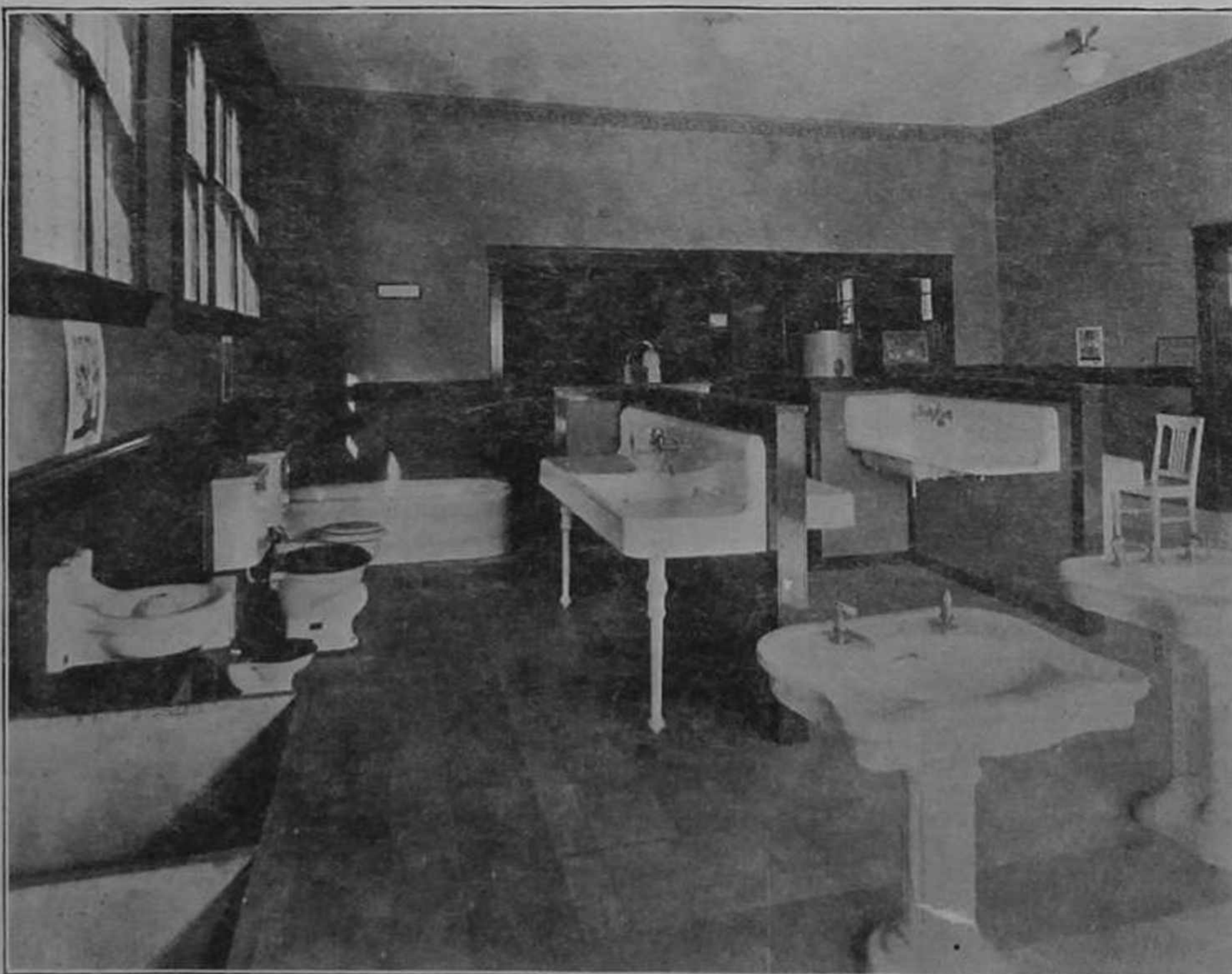
A large variety of parts for new and old designs of plumbing and heating equipment is carried in stock, and the latest ideas of merchandising carried out in the stock arrangement. An inspection of this store produces the idea that Dependability and Service is the goal this firm desires to reach.

The estimating and private offices are now located on the 2nd floor in enlarged quarters in order to more readily meet the demands made on this department for plumbing and heating estimates.

The builder and buyer of homes and buildings now recognizes the value of securing the advice and engaging the services of a reliable plumbing and heating contractor to handle their requirements in this line.



SALES ROOM



A SECTION OF DISPLAY ROOM

Their many years of experience make them ideally fitted to assist and advise you in designing your plumbing and heating installations.

The public is invited to avail themselves of this service. The plumbing and heating installations in a building are of great importance and to carefully plan and consider these two problems with the aid and assistance of those experienced and qualified in these two branches of the building industry, will mean economy and proper installations.

A great convenience to the prospective builder and user of plumbing equipment, is the new modern display rooms recently completed by this firm.

This firm recognizes the demands being made by the public for good plumbing and heating installations and equipment and are forging ahead with plans to meet this ever-growing demand.



# CITY OFFICIALS

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GRANITE CITY, ILLINOIS  
1924



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City Treasurer



EDWIN RIGG  
City Clerk



R. E. ROBERTSON  
Mayor of Granite City



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City Counselor



THOS. P. MOORE  
City Attorney



ED. PRICE  
Supt. of Streets



CHARLES SOWELL  
Police Magistrate



PHIL SHERIDAN  
Alderman First Ward



CHAS THOMPSON  
Alderman First Ward



CHAS. DUDENHOFER  
Alderman Second Ward



J. K. JONES  
Alderman Second Ward



FRANK RUTLEDGE  
Alderman Third Ward



JAMES LYNCH  
Alderman Third Ward



DAN GILLHAM  
Alderman Fourth Ward



V. A. CHERRY  
Alderman Fourth Ward



D. E. DAVIS  
Alderman Fifth Ward



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Alderman Fifth Ward



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Alderman Sixth Ward



G. HARRY BOOTH  
Alderman Sixth Ward



FRANK SMITH  
Alderman Seventh Ward



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Alderman Seventh Ward



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Commissioners



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Board of Fire and Police  
Commissioners



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Chief of Police



JAMES MARSH  
Chief of Fire Dept.



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## From a Cornfield to a City of Twenty-six Thousand People and Mammoth Industrial Plants

A Story of the Progress and Development of Granite City, The Industrial Magnet of the West; Sketches of Progressive Organizations and Enterprising Citizens.



A sparsely settled community of 922 people in 1896 to a progressive thriving industrial city of 26,000 inhabitants early in 1924—this sums up briefly the achievement in growth of Granite City, one of the fastest growing municipalities in Illinois.

From this progress of ever-increasing citizenry, together with its numerous industries that have been constructed during this time, the city derived its slogan, "The Industrial Magnet of the West," named during a contest held a few years ago and contributed by Miss Lillian Watkins, then a student in the high school. Her slogan was picked from hundreds submitted during a contest conducted by the Commercial Club and was selected by a special committee of citizens who were given the task of substituting something new and modern for the old slogan, "Granite City Best to Live, Work, Invest," and which is still very appropriate.

Stretching out over a vast section of prairie, the city has grown from an early farming community to one of the modern industrial municipalities of the country—and that in a period of 27 years since its incorporation.

In 1893, and previous, the land was inhabited by scarcely 300 people, who made up the total of residents and from which the population rapidly grew.

During the days before 1896, which was previous to the incorporation of the city, there was a postoffice, two or three business houses, etc., but at that time the settlement was unnamed, except for that part of the section known as "Six-Mile Prairie" and "Kinderhook," named after the well known Kinder family of that day.

In 1893 the receipts of the postoffice were decidedly small, in that but \$60.99 was taken in during the year. The annual receipts had increased to \$123.82 in 1894 and to \$365.05 in 1895. During the year of organization of city government, 1896, \$619.46 was recorded. From this time the receipts mounted with each passing year.

In 1905 the business of the postoffice reached \$12,579.68, but this is a small figure compared to the business of the office now. It has grown, until today, it is classed among the first-class post-offices of the United States.

The postoffice was first established on May 29, 1893. There are but few residents of that day who are still among us. Compared with the population at the present time they hardly make up a small portion of one per cent.

The office was located at its beginning in a residence on State street, now numbered 1838, near the Rosenberg building. The cottage where it stood is now a part of a business block, and the room it occupied is now a business establishment.

Dr. J. S. Chase was the first postmaster. As he was a practicing physician, the business was conducted by his wife. The family left Granite City in 1897 and are now residents of California.

The first stamp sold the day the office was established was to Julius Rosenberg, afterwards mayor of the city and whose sons now conduct the Rosenberg Department Store at 19th and State streets. The sale of stamps for the first day amounted to 23c. The whole amount received for box rent for the quarter ending June 30, 1893, was 50c. The compensation of the postmaster the first year was a little more than \$60.

Frank M. Canger, now deceased, was the next postmaster, and with his wife, ran the office for a number of years. He was appointed April 17, 1897. It was during his tenure of office that free delivery was established. This was on November 1, 1906.

Next came free rural delivery—two daily routes from Granite City, which are a large branch of the local postoffice delivery system today.

When the business showed a marked increase in the early days it was decided that new quarters were needed. Accordingly, the office was moved to a building with spacious quarters at 18th and D streets. It remained there until May, 1912, at which time the new Federal Building on Niedringhaus avenue was completed by the government and which was one of several like structures erected at

that time throughout the country.

The new postoffice building added such a cosmopolitan appearance to that section of the city that it was not long before various kinds of business houses began springing up in every direction. The postoffice is located on a sort of a triangular site which formerly was a part of a park set out in the earlier days as a park view. This and another recreation spot known as "Forest Park," were the two park sites in the early days of the city's history.

The new postoffice building has most all the modern equipment that the postoffices of the larger cities have.

When the postoffice was moved into its new quarters 12 years ago, J. W. Thompson was postmaster, he having served a part of his time in the old building. Only four postmasters have served the city thus far.

Wm. Champion is the present postmaster and has been in charge of the local postoffice for more than 10 years, succeeding Thompson. Under his regime the office succeeded to first-class with the close of business of 1923 and will receive the title July 1st, this year. The amount of annual business necessary for this classification is \$40,000. The receipts for 1923 were \$47,497.93.

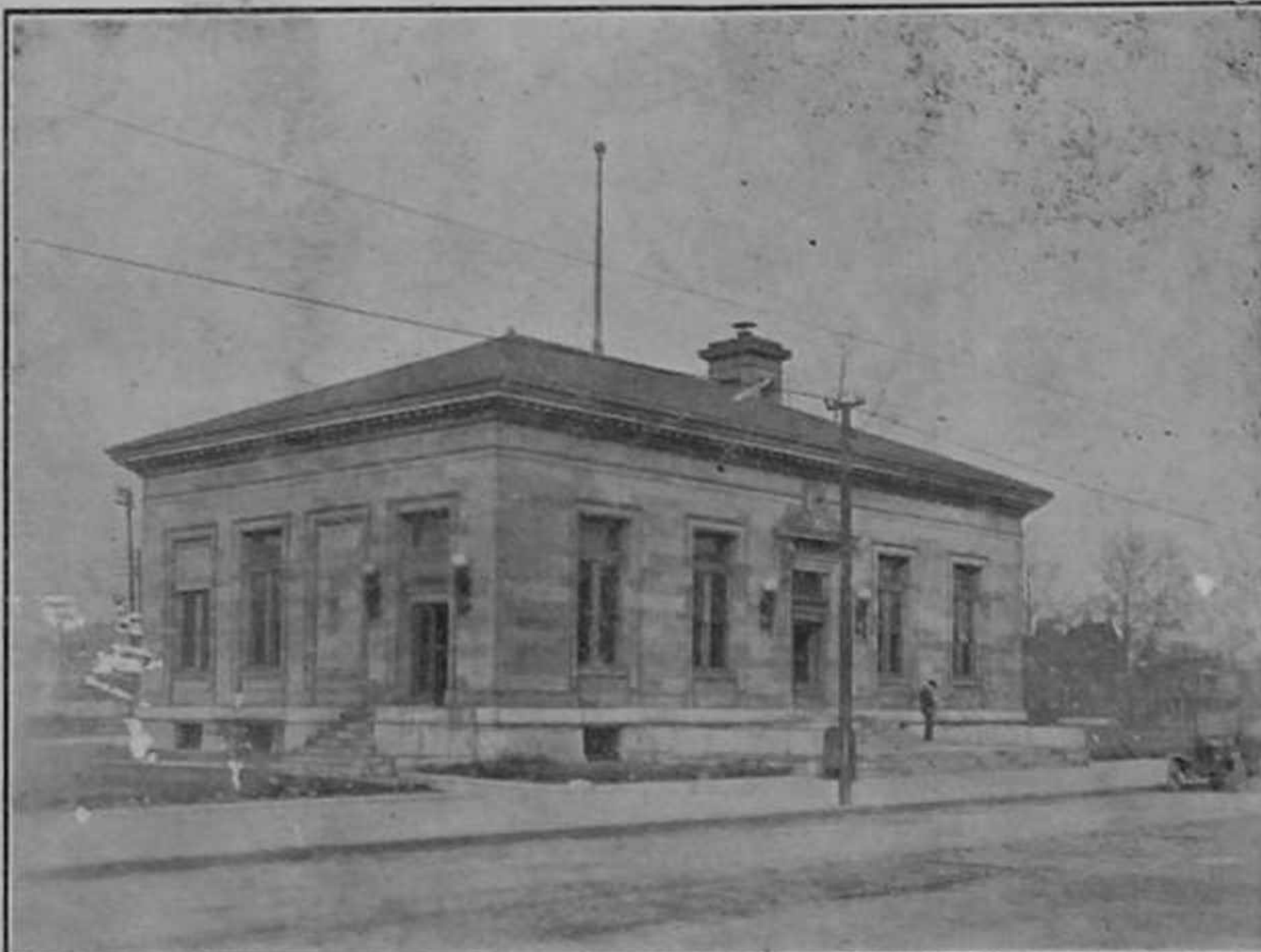
The wonderful growth since 1910 is shown in the following tabulation: 1910, receipts, \$21,888.09; 1915, \$23,680.88; 1920, \$39,858.86. With the office reaching more than \$47,000 last year, prediction is made that the \$50,000 mark will be obtained this year.

The local office began as a fourth-class office under Post-

master Chase, was advanced to third-class and then to second-class under the postmastership of Canger and Thompson and was still second-class when Champion

was appointed.

Although the population of the city in 1896 was but 922, there were 11,710 residents recorded ten years later. The school census



The Granite City Postoffice

in 1896 was 338. In 1906 it was 2,760.

Granite City today not only has more than 25,000 inhabitants, approximately 4,000 school children, a dozen gigantic industries and a network of railroads and traction lines, but has hundreds of modern buildings and residences that have greatly enhanced the value of property over and over again since its institution.

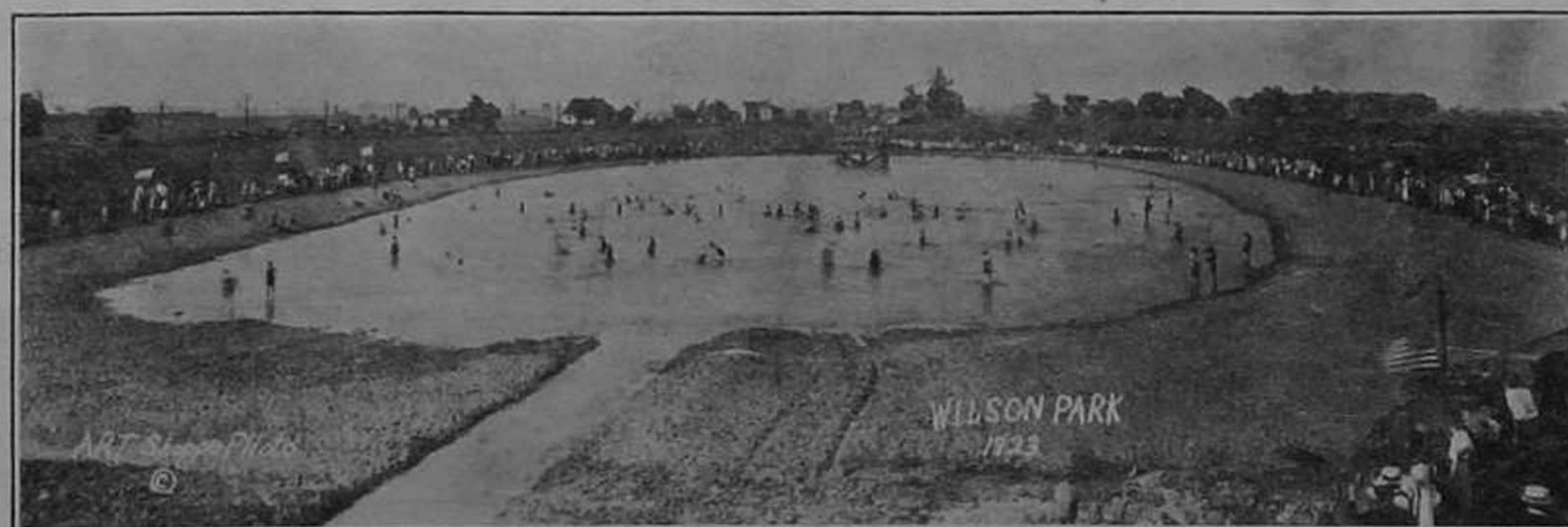
Electric lighting and power systems, filtered water, gas and other public works, together with miles of paved streets and sidewalks, go to make up everything desired in a modern city. Beautiful homes abound and parks and recreation spots have been established.



William Champion, Postmaster



Bath house and entrance to beautiful Wilson Park.



The big swimming pool at Wilson Park.



A view of the landscape gardening at Granite City's new fifty-acre park opened in 1923.

Wilson Park, covering a large area in the north section of the city, was laid out, completed and opened to the public early last year. In addition a memorial park at Niedringhaus and Madison avenues is but a recent asset. Other like recreation spots and playgrounds are planned.

One of the great public improvements of recent years is the new outlet sewer which was constructed at a cost of \$600,000, and which after several years of work, was completed during the early part of 1923 during the administration of the present mayor, R. E. Robertson.

This sewer, together with the contemplated new pump station to be constructed this year at an outlay of \$30,000, will finish a program adequate to take care of the city's future sewerage needs for years to come. Storm water sewerage districts have been established to solve the problem during rainy periods.

In addition to the outlet sewer itself, there has been perfected four lateral sewer districts known as Districts 1, 2, 3 and 4. The cost of No. 1 was \$130,000; No. 2, \$78,000; No. 3, \$6,000, and No. 4, \$25,000, bringing the total sewer improvement outlay to date to \$839,000. In addition the city purposes to expend this year a total of \$125,000, \$55,000 of which will be put into lateral sewer district No. 5, and \$70,000 into lateral sewer district No. 6.

Granite City covers approximately 2,600 acres, has 20 miles of paved streets, 140 miles of concrete sidewalks and 48 miles of sewers. Eight-four thousand dollars has been expended for the purchase of parks and \$55,000 for improvements at Wilson Park.

During the past two years \$294,000 has been spent for street paving, including the improvement of Niedringhaus avenue, B street, D street, G street, State street, and Washington avenue. The latter thoroughfare has just been opened through to the northeasterly city limits after years of negotiations with the Illinois Traction System.

In addition to the improvements already made on the streets and sidewalks of the city, a number of other improvements on an equally large scale, are planned for this year.

The subdivisions of the city platted in the past two years inside and abutting the city limits include the following: Community Heights, east of Nameoki road, north of Illinois Traction System right-of-way and opposite St. John's Church, 60 acres; Commonwealth Manor, north of Illinois Traction right-of-way, 80 acres; Webster School Addition, East Granite, between August and Kate streets, north of 25th and adjoining Liberty Park on the west, 9 acres; Washington Boulevard Addition, 26th street to Nameoki road along Washington avenue, 34 acres; Wilson Park, 14 acres; Ferdinand Place, 25th to 27th street and between State and B, 85 acres; North Granite, west of railroad tracks and north of 25th street, 55 acres; making a total of 337 acres laid out and subdivided within this period of time. A large number of other subdivisions have been platted from time to time during the past ten to fifteen years.

The industries of the city have been a great factor in its growth. With ten large manufacturing plants dotting the community, the municipality has grown by leaps and bounds. When running normal these plants employ approximately 10,000 workers. It was said not many years ago, that these industries gave employment to more men than the town had residents. That condition has changed. The city has grown so rapidly in every line of endeavor that the population has increased to such proportions as to make the inhabitants now more than double the number of employees in the plants mentioned.

Among the large industries in Granite City is the St. Louis Coke and Iron Co., formerly the St. Louis Coke and Chemical Co., constructed in recent years at an approximate cost of \$15,000,000, and which covers a plant acreage of 196 acres near the eastern city limits. About 500 men are employed. The plant mainly consists of 80 ovens, capable of handling 2,000 tons of coal in 24 hours, with a blast furnace of



# CHARTER MEMBERS, Granite City Rotary Club

*"He Profits Most"      "Who Serves Best"*



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Vice-President  
Catholic Priest



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Life Insurance



CARL GRAHAM  
Book & Stationery Store



ROY BARNEY  
Trust Bank



NATHAN FLEISHMAN  
Clothier



CHARLES PERSHALL  
Grocer



ED. MERCER  
Undertaker



DR. H. P. REUSS  
M. D.



DR. PHILLIP DALE  
Surgeon



C. W. EVANS  
Fire Insurance

The Granite City Rotary Club was organized Wednesday, February 6, 1924. The Club meets Tuesday noon of each week at the Elk's Club. Visiting Rotarians are cordially invited to be present.

ROTARY is more than a luncheon club; it is a philosophy of life. Rotary not only teaches the doctrine of service, but Rotarians practice it. In Rotary the static ethical principle of the Golden Rule becomes dynamic. Rotary, besides teaching service to its own members, has become the model for a number of similar organizations, which are inculcating the principle of service among their members; and at the Rotary Convention held in Edinburgh, Scotland, in 1921, Rotary International resolved that it "hereby affirms its belief in the Principle of Service as an educational factor, and expresses the hope that it will one day be taught in the schools of the world; and counsels the friendly auspices of Rotarians everywhere to that end." Rotary is not so much an organization as a great social movement; it has already found congenial soil among the diverse people of 25 nations. Rotary International may be the means of a new social order; and, with the further extension of Rotary, a force of great potentiality for world peace and good will.

"SERVICE ABOVE SELF"



approximately 500-ton capacity.

The plant was completed early in January, 1921, and the first coke was made on January 8th, that year, and the ovens have been running continuously since that time. The industry is the outgrowth of experiments of Arthur Roberts, begun 17 years ago. Illinois coals were included in the experiments and were finally coked successfully into a metallurgical product under the Roberts' process. Until that time many fruitless attempts were made to coke these coals. With the many coal fields lying in close proximity the value of the local territory as a site for the plant was readily seen.

The company manufactures coke products of a various nature and supplies manufactured gas to this territory. It also furnishes molten metal to the Steel Works branch of the National Enameling and Stamping Co., commonly known as the Rolling Mill.

This is one of the largest of the industries here and was founded by the Niedringhaus before the city was incorporated. Although in the early days it did not employ but a few hundred men, it now has more than 2100 workers. Many additions have been added in recent years, including a new sheet mill covering about 25 acres located north of the old structures. The entire area of the plant includes about 125 acres. Many millions of dollars have been invested in the new additions and in improvements. Recently a new office building was constructed at 20th street and Madison avenue. The new sheet mill was erected last year. The plant manufactures tin plate and like products.

The Stamping Works branch of the same company covers 25 acres and employs approximately 1,000 workers. It is from the product of this plant (granite ware) that the city derived its name "Granite City." The plant was built before the municipality was established as a city and at a time when there were several other comparatively large industries here also. Some of these plants have since ceased to be, some having been destroyed by fire while others have been dismantled. Old timers will remember the old "Shot Tower" or the Markle Lead Works, now the site of the National Lead Company. The old box factory was another early day industry. This was destroyed by fire. Others will also be recalled.

Two other large plants are the American Steel and the Commonwealth Steel industries. The American has now about 45 acres of ground, having recently acquired a large tract of land adjoining its present property. Two thousand men are employed. The Commonwealth Steel Company covers 75 acres and employs about the same number of men. These two industries are thriving manufacturing plants and have many departments. Steel frames, wheels, girders, and other commodities of the like are manufactured at these plants and shipped to all parts of the world, as are the wares of the other local industries.

The Union Starch and Refining Company which manufactures syrups and fruit products and formerly known as the Temtor Fruit Products Company and the Corn Products Refining Company, covers 30 acres. Three hundred and eighty men and women are employed.

The National Lead Company and the Hoyt Metal Company which adjoin each other cover 30 acres of ground. The two plants employ about 500 people. Lead products are manufactured, together with other commodities in the two industries.

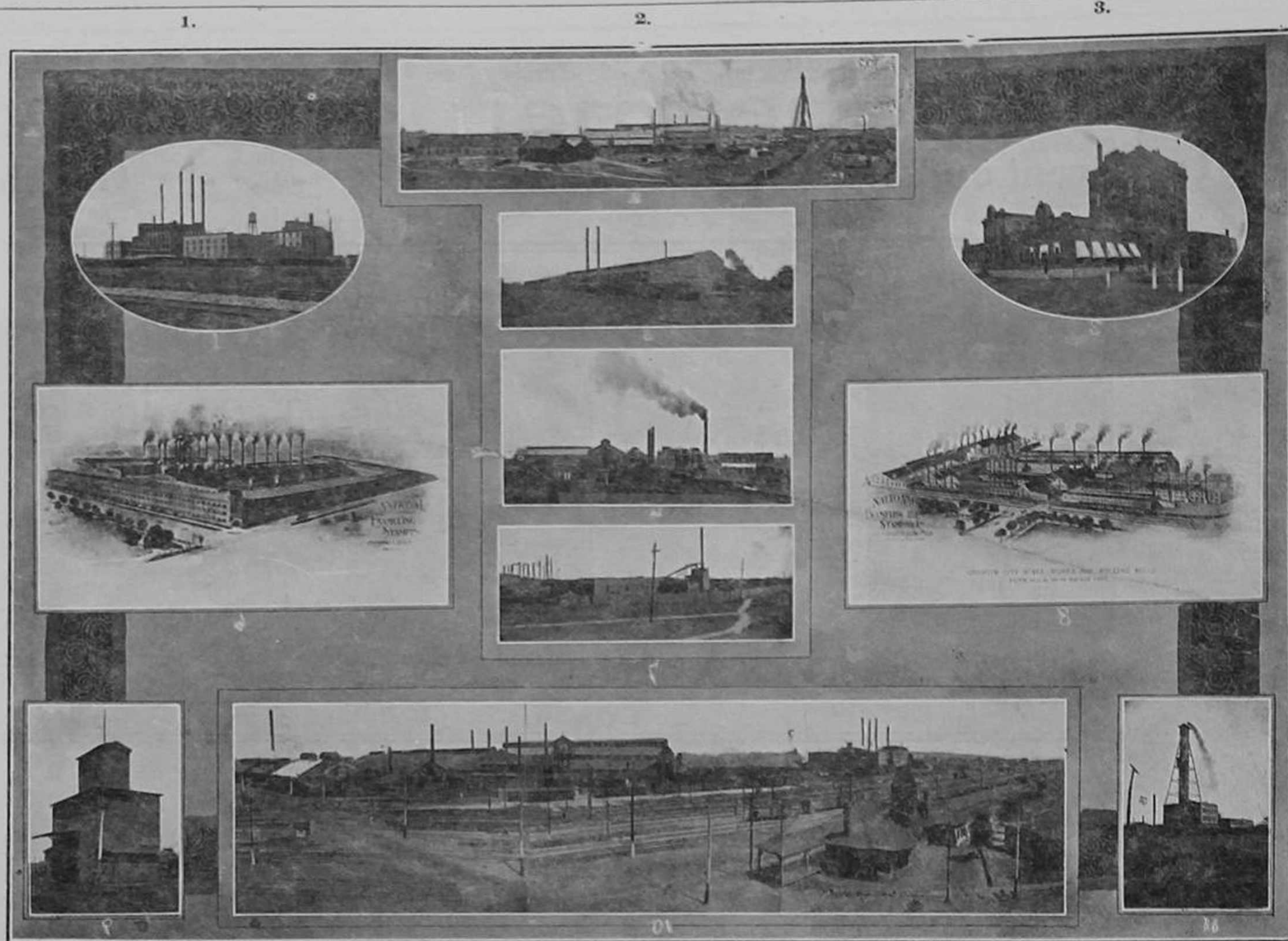
The F. J. Lewis Manufacturing Company is just a recent addition to the city. It was constructed within the past two years and manufactures tar products from commodities supplied from the St. Louis Coke and Iron Company. It covers 28 acres at the eastern edge of the city and has about 100 employees.

The Midland Creosoting Company, manufacturers of creosote blocks, was erected several years ago, covers 15 acres and has 45 employees.

The Cabirange Company, manufacturers of ranges and stoves, is a recently located factory and is in the north section of the city, as is the Mirific Products Company, oil and grease manufacturers. This company built here several years ago, has had its plant destroyed twice by fire but each time has rebuilt.

The East Side Manufacturers' Association of which M. H. Ward is secretary, is the functioning organization of most of the industries in the Tri-City district.

Other industries include the Western Fire Brick Company, Granite City Ice Cream Company,



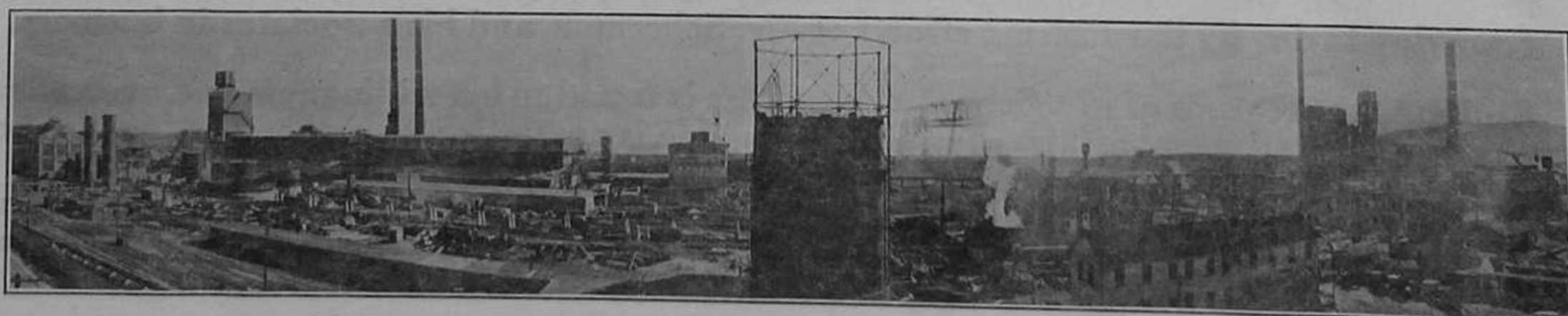
1. The old Corn Products Refining Company, now the Union Starch Plant.
2. National Lead and Hoyt Metal Plants.
3. A Granite City industry that Volstead put out of business—the old Wagner Brewery. It is now manufacturing ice and used for cold storage.
4. The old Wire Mill, destroyed by fire.
5. The Commonwealth Steel Foundry.
6. Stamping Works Dept., National Enameling and Stamping Works.
7. The old Box and Drum Factory, destroyed by fire.
8. The Granite City Steel Works.
9. The Granite City Elevator.
10. The American Steel Foundry.
11. The old Shot Tower of the Hoyt Metal, which has been torn down.



The new section of the Foundry, Commonwealth Steel Plant.



Open Hearth Department, Commonwealth Steel Company



A birdseye view of the mammoth plant of the St. Louis Coke and Iron Company, Granite City, Ill., completed in January 1921 at a cost of \$15,000,000.



# Ben Schermer and Brothers

21st Street and Washington Avenue - - - Granite City, Illinois



BEN SCHERMER



MANIE SCHERMER



PETE SCHERMER



The prize winning float of the Labor Day parade, 1922.

A story of unqualified success, which has combined the fruits of hard, earnest effort both in business circles and an active interest in civic affairs, is told in the fourteen-year period that Ben Schermer, with two brothers, Manie and Pete Schermer, has conducted the grocery business under the firm name of Ben Schermer and Bros. Twenty-first street and Washington avenue, and today the store, as well as the name of Schermer, stands out as a real, recognized success in the Tri-Cities. In that time, the business has steadily developed, and prospered.

Success has crowned Mr. Schermer's efforts largely because he has been successful in establishing a profitable business that combines the better features of credit with and ever-increasing trade upon a cash basis. Credit, judiciously extended, has been a feature that Mr. Schermer has worked carefully out, and finds it has been a success and an accommodation that has seldom been abused. *Prices are so exceptional that the store has gained the slogan of "WHERE THE DOLLAR DOES ITS DUTY."*

The business conducted by Schermer and his two brothers combines a high grade grocery and meat market, with unexcelled delivery service, courteous attention to customers' wants in the store, and a carefully selected stock of the preferred lines and stocks of staple and fancy groceries, high grade meats, etc. Their building is modern, well-adapted to their growing needs, and promises a steady, healthy growth, which is being augmented from day to day by the untiring efforts of Mr. Schermer and his associates in business.

Still another feature of Mr. Schermer's success is found in his willingness and even eagerness to take an active part in civic and social affairs of the tri-cities. He is an untiring worker for bigger, better things for the tri-cities; is associated with practically every movement of our local clubs, lodges and organizations. It is a work in which Mr. Schermer seems to take particular delight, and the unselfish manner in which he goes into these things stamps him at once as a progressive, enterprising citizen and booster whose actions may well be emulated by those who take delight in advancement and attainment worth while.



Granite City Ice and Fuel Company, and a number of smaller plants.

The Granite City industrial district also contains the following large and small industrial plants, located mostly in Madison and Venice: Barber Asphalt Company, 20 acres, 208 employees; American Car and Foundry Company, 50 acres, 1800 employees; Standard Rail and Steel Company, 10 acres, 150 employees; Laclede Steel

vacant property. Many inhabitants are buying their homes, which is a decided indication of the interest that residents are taking in this municipality.

New citizens are coming into the town every week, making the community their home and investing their money. The city has grown until now it extends from 14th street on the south to 30th street on the north, to Edwardsville road on the east and to the

work on this structure was started in May, 1919, and was completed in October, 1921. There is an enrollment now of 525 students made up of boys and girls from Granite City and from the rural districts in Nameoki township. Recently a large auditorium was added involving a large outlay of money. The school board is separate from that of Granite City, proper. W. C. Urban is president of the board.

are two store buildings on the first floor.

Contemplated buildings for the near future include a new Knights of Pythias Temple, near 19th and E streets, at a cost of upwards of \$200,000, a Knights of Columbus building at 21st and R streets and a Y. M. C. A. building at 20th and E streets. The latter two structures are also planned at large expenditures of money. Seventy-five per cent of the

rarely preceded. The amount of investment in residence and business buildings during 1923 is estimated at about \$3,000,000, while several additional millions were invested in additions to industries.

Leading organizations in Granite City and the Tri-Cities outside of the labor unions, fraternal organizations and civic societies, include the Boy Scouts, American Legion, Salvation Army, in addi-



St. Elizabeth's Hospital

Company, 21 acres, 170 employees; Kettle River Company, 30 acres, 125 employees; Hickman, Williams Company, 50 employees.

The Barber Asphalt Company manufactures asphalt products, the American Car and Foundry Company engages in building railroad cars, the Standard Rail and Steel Company has a large business in rails, etc., the Laclede Steel Company manufactures steel products, the Kettle River Company handles creosote ties and Hickman, Williams Company handles all kinds of iron products.

A few other plants in the lower Tri-Cities have been dismantled or destroyed by fire. One of these industries will be remembered as the old Interstate Cooperation Co., or "Barrel Works." Canning plants and a glucose factory were also formerly located at Venice.

Probably one of the largest contemplated industries for Granite City is the proposed American Locomotive Works which company two years ago purchased 200 acres south of the Commonwealth Steel plant. According to the plans given out at that time,



Masonic Temple, 20th and C St.

National Bank. These institutions have been enlarged until now they rank among the leading banking houses of this section of the state. Not only has the capital in these banks been increased from time to time, but many recent improvements have been made.

Another large recently completed building is the new Washington Theatre. This was erected at an expenditure of about \$500,000 and is on the old theatre site. Ground was broken May 18, 1923, and the theatre was completed and opened December 21, 1923. It accommodates 1780 people. It is one of the finest show houses in this section of the country, modernism prevailing in every department of the new structure. It has a spacious stage, large auditorium and balcony, long promenade and lobby and many departments for the accommodations of the public, including a children's play room, smoking room, nursery, emergency room, ladies rest room, among others. Display windows abound in the lobby. Louis Landau, Jr., is manager of the playhouse.

The Fraternal Order of Eagles' building completed in the autumn of 1922 and built at a cost of \$20,324 is located at 26th street and Madison avenue. The Benevolent Protective Order of Elks Lodge home was started in the spring of 1917, and finished in the fall of the same year. The construction cost was \$25,760. It is located on Niedringhaus avenue near State street and is one of the leading fraternal orders in the city. The Masonic Temple, the home of the Masonic fraternities was built just before the days of the late war. Construction work began in September, 1915, and it was completed in the spring of 1916. The approximate cost was \$20,000. It is located at 20th and C streets and is the scene of many meetings and banquets of local organizations. The Moose building, 19th and State streets, was erected by Pleasant Ward in 1910 at an expenditure of \$22,622. Construction work began in April and building was finished in the fall. A number of years ago the structure was purchased by the Loyal Order of Moose, local lodge No. 272.

The Tri-City Labor Temple, erected in recent year for the labor organization of the Tri-Cities, at Niedringhaus avenue and State streets was built here after many delays and at a large outlay in money. The building, which is a three-story brick structure, today houses the city court rooms, the Board of Education, Y. M. C. A., and other offices and departments, besides the various labor organizations. The top floor is utilized for dancing and entertainment purposes. There



The Elks Club on Niedringhaus Avenue

people own their own homes or are paying for same. There were approximately 24 additional business houses added to the interests of Granite City last year. This is far above a normal increase. There were more than 300 residences started and made ready for occupancy during the year.

tion to those already mentioned. There are also several societies and clubs among the foreign population, and the Lincoln Place Community House, which is headquarters for many of these, does much educational work among this element.

The Granite City Commercial



The proposed Knights of Pythias Building, a site for which has already been purchased

The number of business houses of the present furnish approximately 85 per cent of the total as to date of incorporation, that is those at the date of incorporation form about 15 per cent of the present total, this is a growth

Club is the leading business body of the city and the organization has grown steadily during the past two years. It comprises several hundred members and handles the big problems confronting the community.



The Eagles Home on Madison Avenue

the industry is to be constructed at an approximate cost of \$20,000,000 or more. The land is still retained for the manufactory but no definite information has been gleaned as to when construction will begin. The industry when completed is expected to materially increase the population of the city, which is destined to reach 50,000 inhabitants before many years.

The annual payroll of the industries in Granite City is \$18,000,000 and the invested capital in these plants close to \$100,000,000.

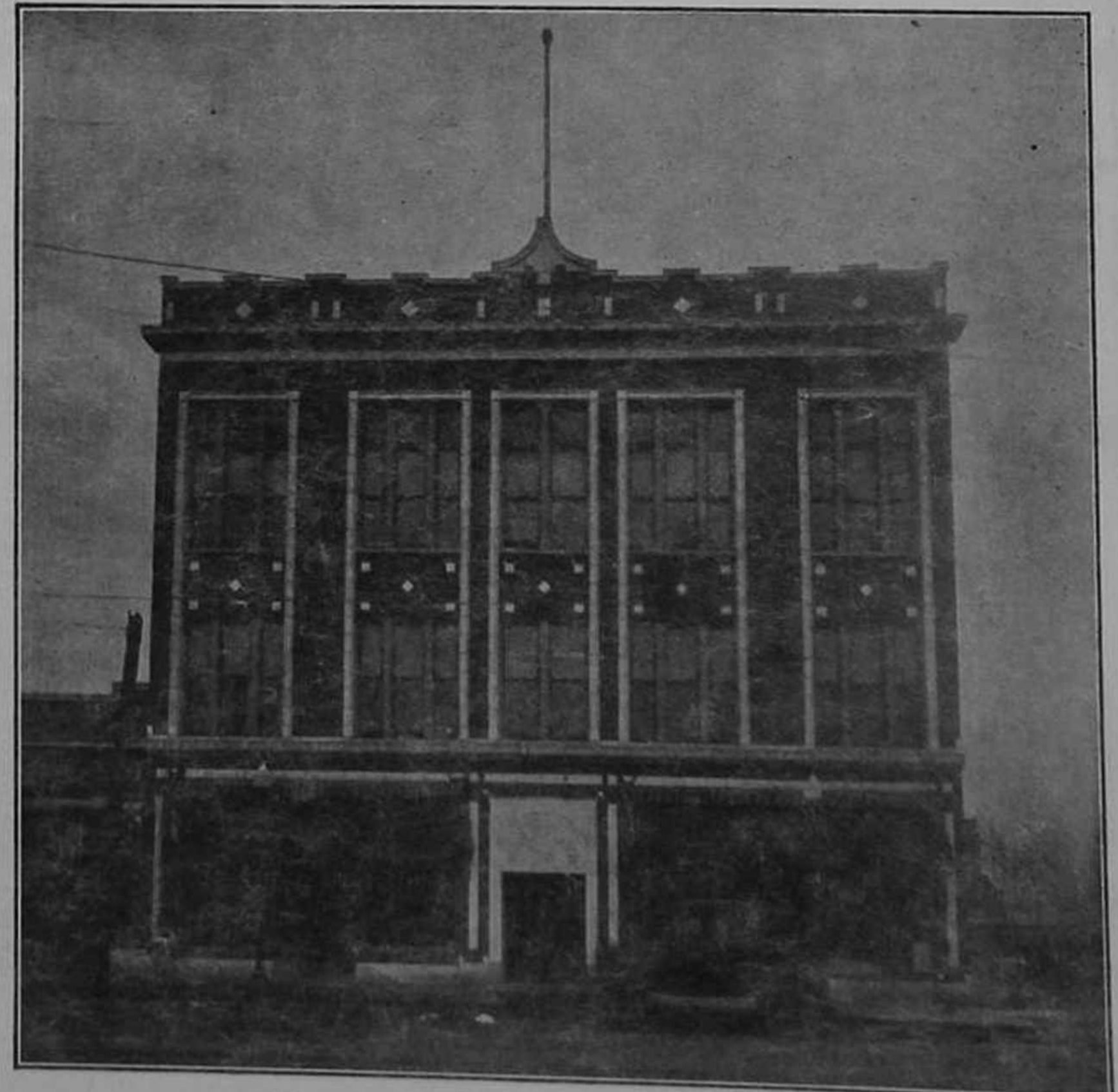
One of the outstanding factors in the city's rapid growth are these enormous industries, constructed, and planned for the future. That the community is growing fast is evidenced by the ever-increasing demand for homes and living quarters. During the past few years people have clamored for places to live and as a result there has been little, if any,

St. Elizabeth's Hospital, now operated by the Sisters of Divine Providence of Pittsburg, Pa., is a magnificent institution. It originally was erected under former management at a cost of \$60,000, is beautifully designed, and last year was materially enlarged and more modern equipment installed.

The city has three first-class hotels. It has many prominent business, civic, social and fraternal organizations, and has three newspapers, the Granite City Press-Record, Granite City Post, and the Narodn Glas, the only daily Bulgarian newspaper in the United States.

A number of offices and business buildings abound in the city, especially throughout the downtown district, which is centered by 19th street, State street and Niedringhaus avenue.

Among the leading large buildings is the Community High School, which was erected at a cost of \$600,000. Construction



The Granite City Labor Temple Building



## Transportation

*Man's conquest with time and distance the communication of thought, the intercourse of people, the interchange of commodities—is the greatest thing in the world.*



NIEDRINGHAUS AVE., GRANITE CITY, ILL., LOOKING EAST FROM 19TH AND C STREETS, PAVED WITH CONCRETE FROM THE WABASH R. R. TRACKS TO MADISON AVENUE BY US IN 1922.

## Paved Streets

*make Transportation possible every day and the building of better pavements is an absolute necessity for any city's growth, comfort, health, wealth, prosperity and industrial development.*

# Concrete Pavement in Granite City on

Niedringhaus Avenue, B Street, D Street, State Street, Washington Avenue, G Street, Twentieth Street, Twenty-First Street, and North Twenty-Fourth Street Argue Their Own Case Successfully.

## All Traffic, Even

Bicycles, make no apologies for going "out of their way" in order to ride over between four and five miles of these Streets. They have the comfortable and pleasing riding qualities afforded only by the



Cross sectional view of the highest type of concrete pavement known today; used in the pavements we laid in Granite City in 1923. Note the wearing surface of large sized pieces of crushed wear resisting hard trap rock firmly embedded in the top of the concrete slab. This concrete weighs about 165 pounds per cubic foot, ordinary concrete only weighs about 150 pounds—Maximum density, strength and durability is assured.

continuous - rigid - even - surface concrete pavement. Taxpayers have no fears of damage from heavy truck traffic. Granite City takes pride in these streets and well she may. These pavements

were properly designed, given intelligent supervision by the City, skillfully and honestly constructed of the best of materials by experienced builders, and are examples of the most satisfactory, durable and economical pavement known today.

In construction this company affords a service based on over 20 years of successful contracting experience. Our work is carried on under the personal management and supervision of members of our firm who have had 10 to 15 years experience in the making and handling of concrete, the selection of concrete materials, the design, drawing up specifications, inspection, supervision and construction of concrete roads and streets, trained engineers who are recognized as experts in this line. Our twin plants—views of our Granite City plant are shown below—each have a capacity in excess of 100,000 square yards of completed pavement—over 6 miles of 28-foot street—per average construction season.

# Sternberg-Powell Co.

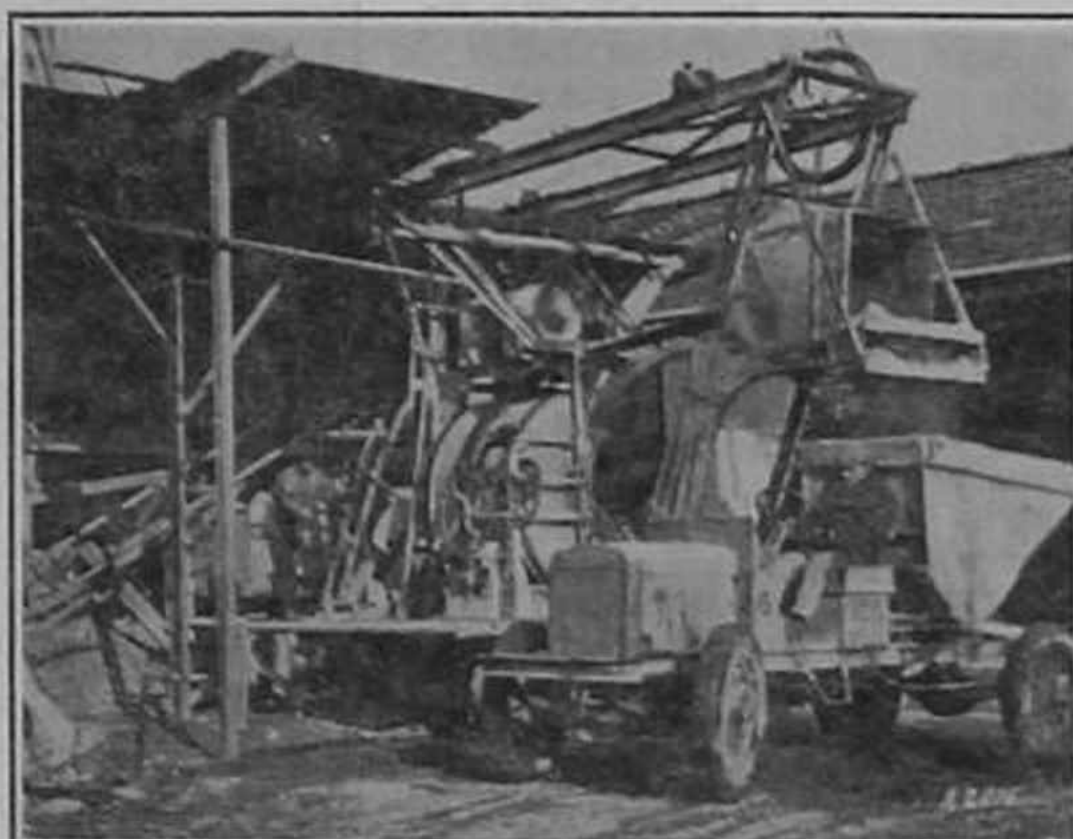
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Granite City, Ill.

SKILLED BUILDERS OF SUPERIOR PAVEMENTS



The layout of our Granite City Central Mixing plant is the most efficient in operation today. Material storage capacity of 25,000 sacks of cement and sand, pebbles or crushed stone sufficient for 25,000 sq. yds. of pavement or two weeks operation insures a steady production and completion of contracts on schedule time.



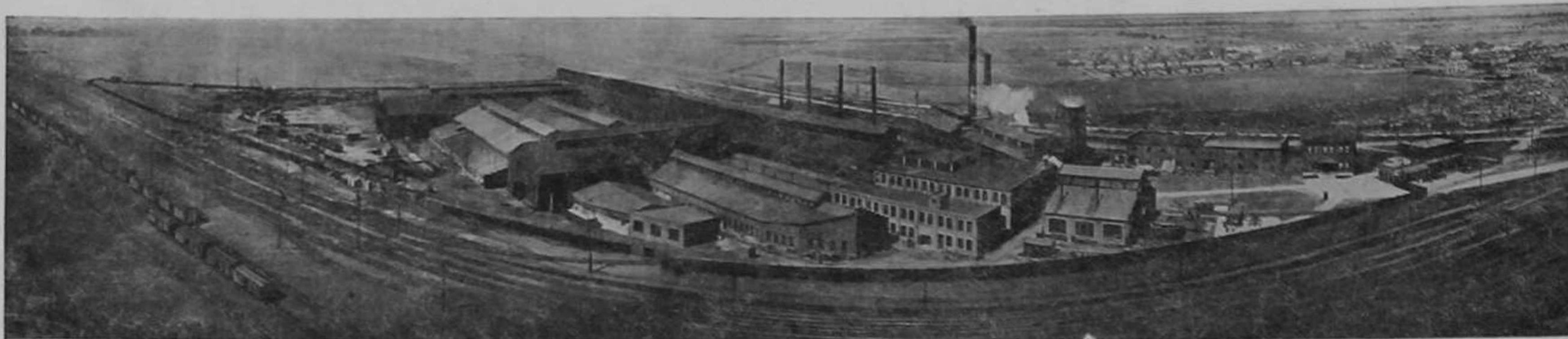
Our large yard Concrete Mixer specially designed and built for us turns out 300 batches per eight-hour day, sufficient concrete for 1500 sq. yards of pavement or over 500 lineal feet of street per day.



We own and operate the largest fleet of Hug special road builders trucks in the world, which are conceded to be the last word in truck equipment for street and road construction. The mixed concrete is trucked from the central plant direct to the job, one batch, a cubic yard, weighing two tons, at a time.



# WITH THE GRANITE CITY INDUSTRIES



A birdseye view of the plant of the Commonwealth Steel Company



Clarence Howard, Pres., Commonwealth Steel Co.



A. T. Morey, Gen. Mgr.

This plant manufactures the largest steel castings in the world, and the products from the Granite City plant are shipped to all countries of the world. During recent months, the Commonwealth has been making important improvements and additions to its plant, at a cost of approximately \$1,500,000, which when completed, will increase the capacity of the plant by about 35 per cent. Most of the new work is already completed and rapid progress is being made on the rest. In the Finishing Department, which will be an exact duplicate of No. 6 building, its dimensions being 450x100 ft. This new construction will add 60,000 sq. ft. of floor space to the department, and provide additional inspection and shipping facilities. The Power House has been enlarged and new equipment installed, enabling the plant to make use of Union Electric Co. power. Two motor-driven compressors, with capacities of 2,275 cubic feet and 5,320 cubic feet per minute, respectively, are a part of the new equipment. The Foundry has been increased by an addition of 400 feet, making the Commonwealth Foundry, with its total length of 1,475 feet, probably the largest Open Hearth steel foundry building in the world. The new Pattern Shop is more than doubling the equipment of the Wood Pattern Department, and is now fully equipped and in operation. The size of the Core Room building has been increased by an additional 550 feet. A core oven building, with 12 additional core-ovens will enable the Core Department to handle a large increase in production. A new Metal Pattern Shop is to occupy the last 100 feet of the new Core Room extension to the south. A new sand system is also being constructed to convey the sand both to the foundry and the core room. The culmination of the improvements will be the erection of an additional open hearth furnace. The Commonwealth is fully prepared to take its part in the increased industrial development which is centering more and more in Granite City and vicinity, and is equipped to keep pace with the steady development in design and use of its cast steel devices for locomotives and cars.

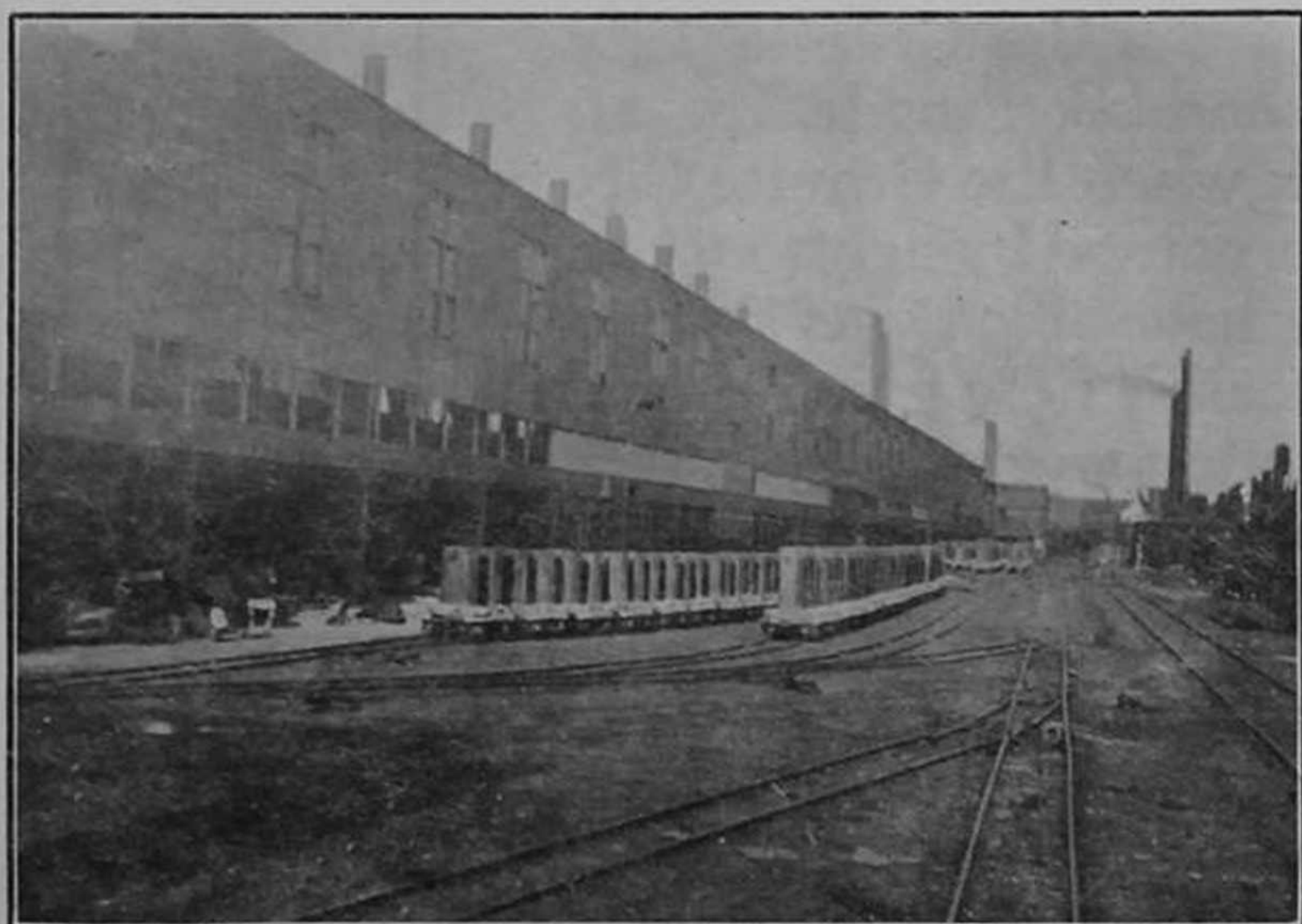
## SCENES AROUND THE GRANITE CITY STEEL WORKS



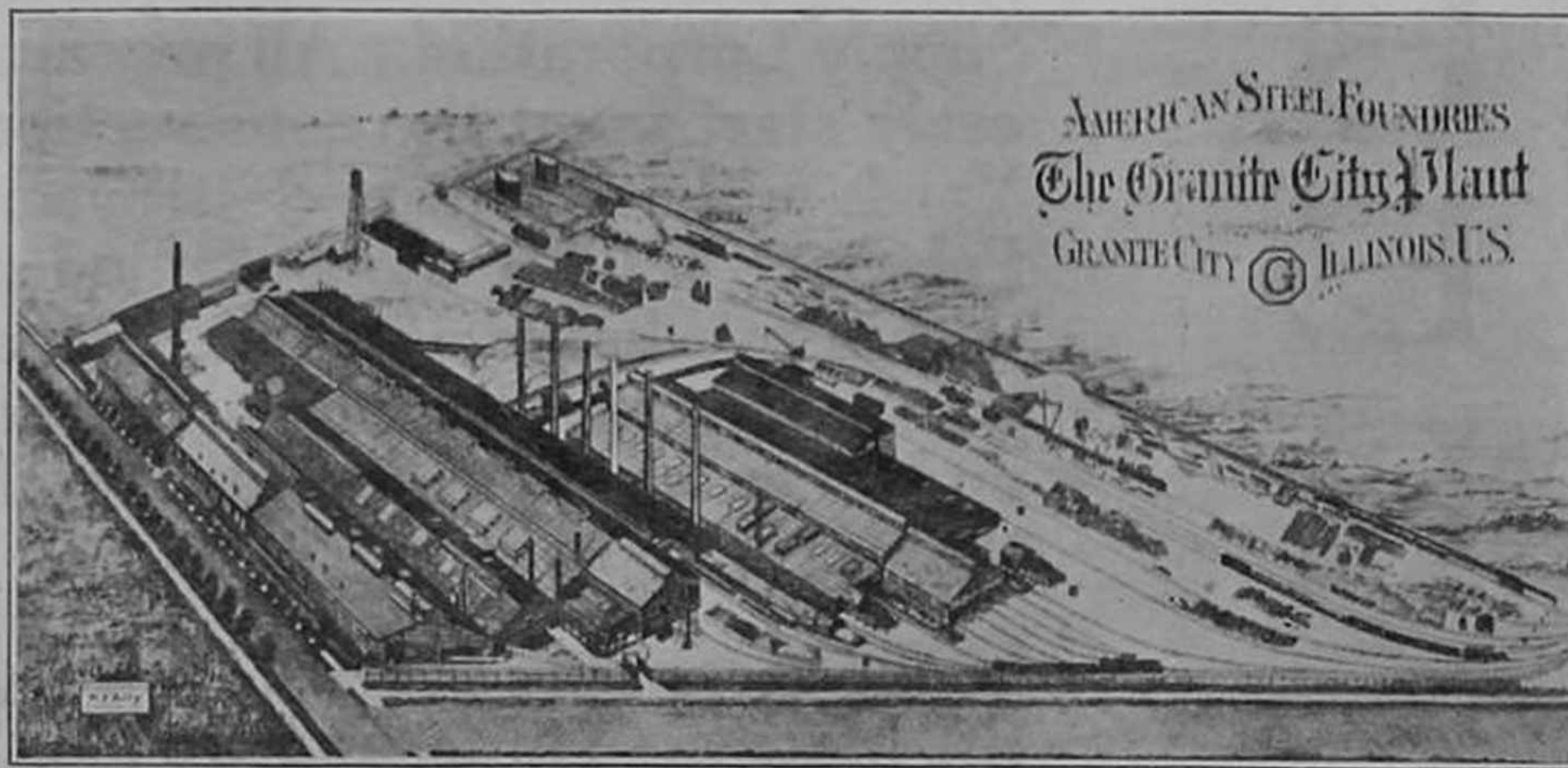
A Ladle Crane, Granite City Steel Works



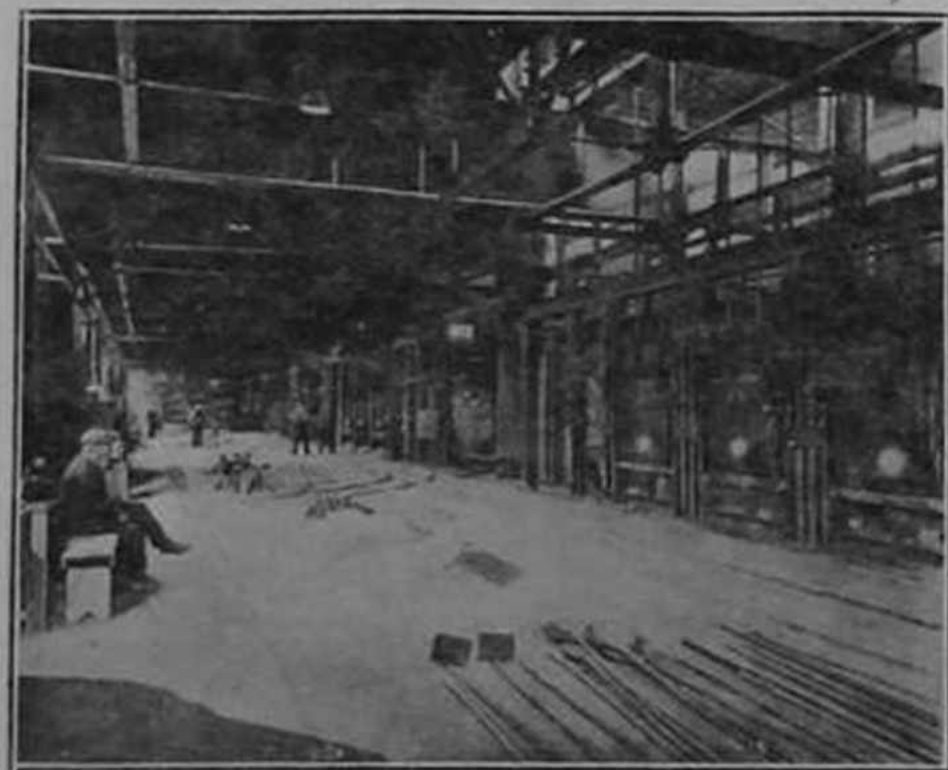
The new section of the Core Room, Commonwealth Steel Company



A scene out on the Ingot Tracks.



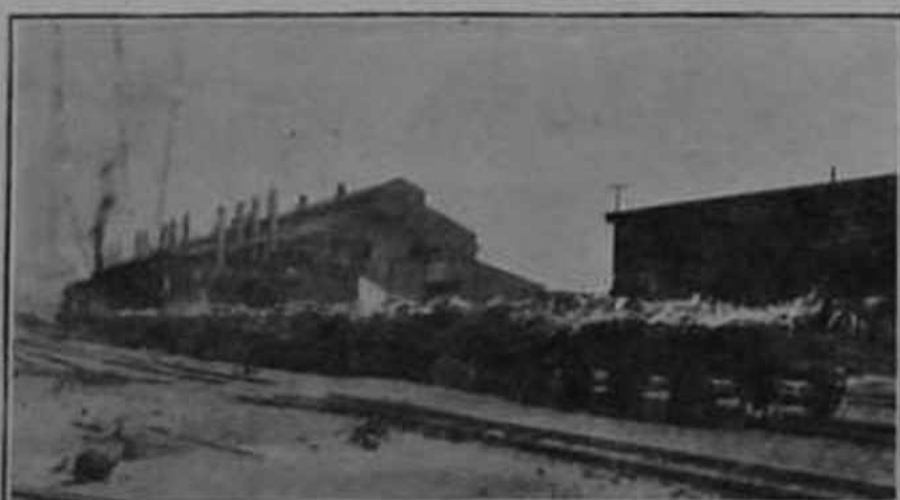
The plant of the American Steel Foundries, Granite City, Ill.



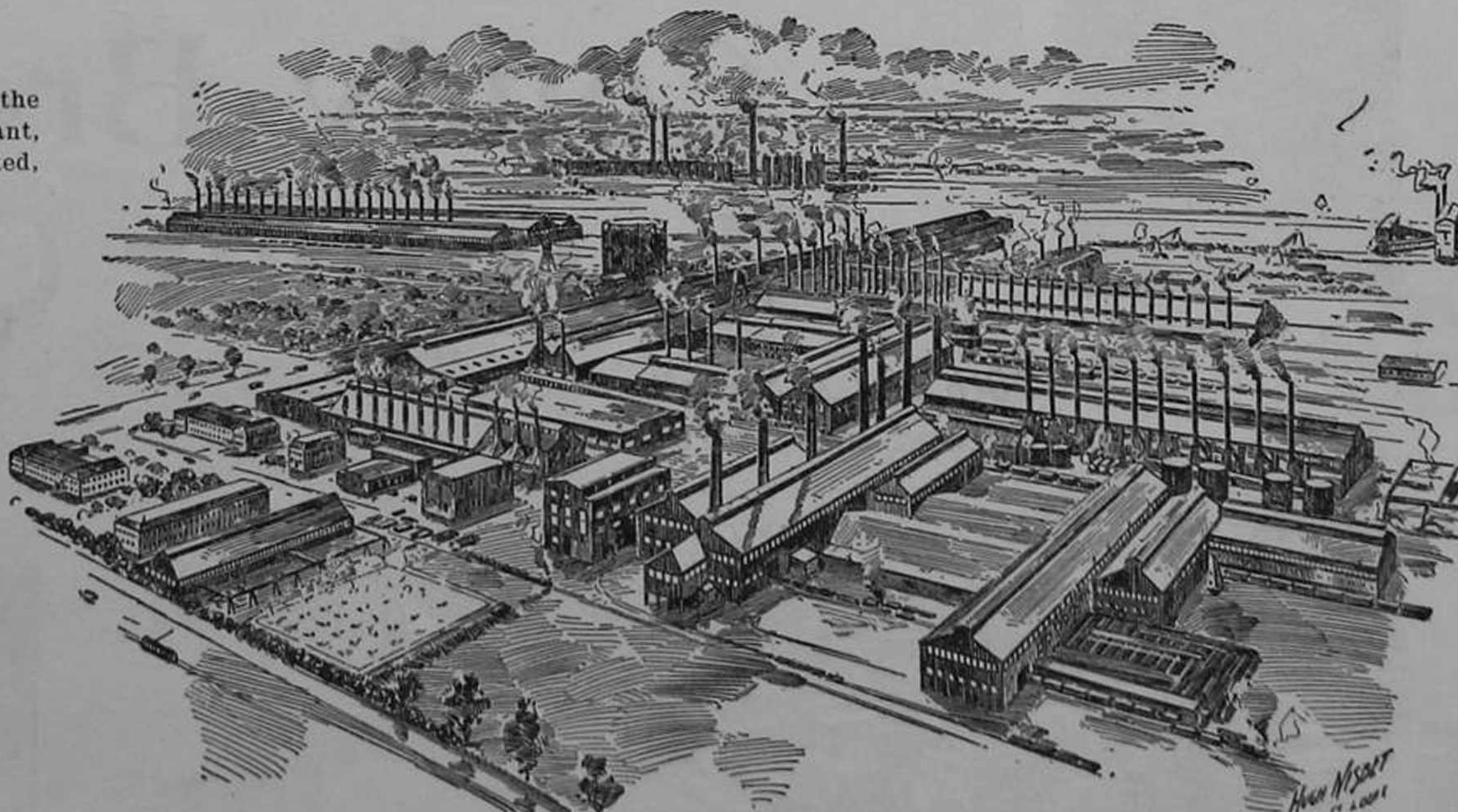
A scene on the Open Hearth Floor, Granite City Steel Works.

This sketch shows the new sheet mill plant, recently constructed, and the St. Louis Coke & Iron Co. plant in the background, with the new office and other additions in the foreground.

This plant is one of the pioneer industries of Granite City, and each year has been one of progress and advancement.



A load of scrap and pig iron on the way to the Charging Room.



A birdseye view sketch of the plant of the Granite City Steel Works branch of the National Enameling and Stamping Company, where tin plate, sheet steel and other products are made. This plant occupies about 150 acres of ground and employs over 3,000 men.





# Over a Quarter of a Century of Satisfactory Service!

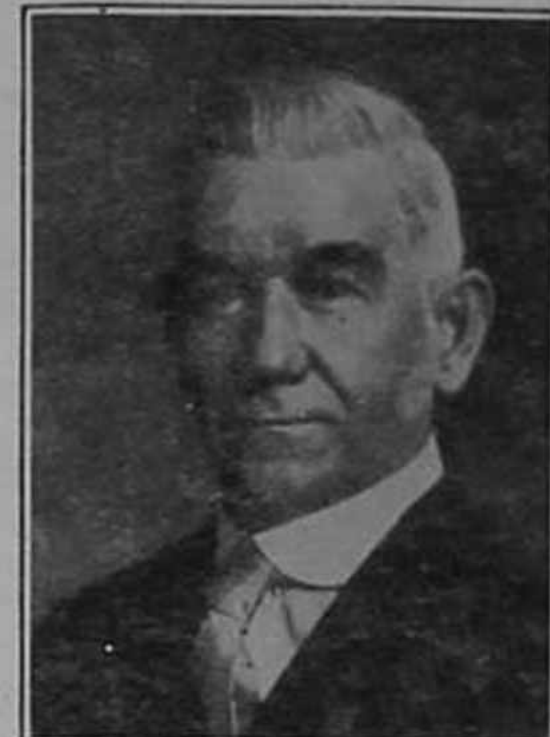


WILLIAM J. COUDY, Pres.

**A** Little over 30 years ago, the firm of Coudy Bros. established one of the first enterprises in the Tri-Cities, engaging in the real estate and construction business.

The third house built in Madison was built by this firm, a portion of a cornfield being cleared off for the construction work.

George E. Coudy served as the first postmaster of Madison. During those early days of the Tri-Cities, the firm of Coudy Bros. built many houses and sold them on easy payment terms and later opened up a lumber yard and a Builders Hardware, Paint and Supply house on 2nd street near State where they soon built up a flourishing business.



GEORGE E. COUDY, Treas.

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In 10 years the volume of business from Granite City had increased to such an extent that a second lumber yard and Hardware Supply House was opened up at 20th and A streets.

The Granite City Yards and office were made the general headquarters of the firm and the business has grown and prospered with each passing year.

Several months ago, plans were made for the erection of a planing mill and a site was purchased from the Granite City Supply Corporation. All preparations had been made for an early start upon the construction work when the Granite City Yards and office were destroyed by fire, caused by lightning, on February 4, 1924. Construction on our new office was started within five hours after the fire and work is now going ahead on the new planing mill and reconstruction work on the yards and office, and soon the plant will be rebuilt bigger and better than ever.

In the meantime Service to our customers is being made from the Madison Yards, and we look forward to being able to serve the Tri-Cities better than ever during our next twenty-five years of business.

**BUILDERS  
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HARDWARE  
—  
PAINTS  
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ROOFING  
—  
BUILDING  
SUPPLIES**



A. H. VIETH  
Secretary and Manager

## Coudy Bros. Lumber Co.

20th and A Streets  
Second and State Streets

Granite City, Illinois  
- Madison, Illinois



FRED J. BONVILLE  
Manager of Madison Yards





The Tri-City Contractors' Association, composed of building contractors, is an organization that has developed in recent years and is growing. M. J. Hewlett is the present secretary of the association. There are many other like organizations developing in



R. E. Robertson, Mayor

other lines of endeavor and some have been formed previously.

The Nineteenth Street Improvement Association and the State Street Improvement Association are two business organizations which have done much to develop the downtown district. A new body just formed is the Rotary Club. It is destined to become a leading factor in affairs of the city in the future.

Granite City, as a city, was instituted in 1906, the incorporation date being June 9, when Secretary of State W. H. Hinrichsen issued the charter upon proper application.

The city charter was sought when citizens of the community saw that the population was growing, and in preparation of its future possibilities as a city.

J. G. Roberts was the first mayor and he served only until the spring of 1907, when Mark Hen-

son, now an officer of the First National Bank, became the chief executive.

A. W. Stevens was the first city clerk and W. H. Collier was the first city treasurer.

The first board of aldermen comprised Mark Henson, Charles Pardesky, L. P. Frohardt, now superintendent of city schools; W. C. Luidsey, George J. Webb, and A. R. Smith.

The majority of the officers who served the city in the early days are now either deceased or have left the city with their families and reside elsewhere.

Julius Rosenberg was the third mayor, being elected in 1899. He served two terms of two years each.

In 1903 John Edwards became the head of the municipality. He only lived a short time afterwards and John B. Judd was chosen the same year to fill the vacancy.

Following this Morgan LeMasters, now deceased, became chief executive in 1905. He served two terms. Since then Chas. Uzzell, druggist; M. E. Kirkpatrick, in the electrical business; Joseph C. Steele, lawyer, and Bert E. Hodges, have served as mayor. Kirkpatrick served three terms, 1911 to 1915, and again, 1917 to 1919. Hodges served 1919 to 1921. R. E. Robertson, the present mayor, is now serving in his second term. George Kennedy, former alderman, served as mayor part of Uzzell's term of office.

National parties have never figured in local politics except on rare occasions. As a rule given party names are adopted and men of all parties choose the banner under which they seek office. Us-

ually two or more tickets enter the field. The primary is in March on the second Tuesday, and election day is held on the third Tuesday in April.

In odd numbered years, the mayor and other various officers are chosen, while in the even numbered years only aldermen are selected in the several wards.

When the city was incorporated but three wards existed, and two aldermen served each. In 1903, when Edwards was elected as mayor, the wards were increased to five and now the city has seven, the number again being increased a few years ago, when the rapid growth of the city required a more equal division of voting and representation sections.

Granite City began expanding to a large degree in 1906, but within five years the growth was very pronounced and residences and business buildings began springing up in every section of the city. This expansion has kept up steadily since. It has only been in recent years that residences and other structures have been built in such large numbers in the extreme north part of the city. Previous to 1910, 23rd street was generally considered the northern limits of the municipality and that was the reason the McKinley Line loop only extended that far north in making its terminum here. Today 30th street, the city limits, has residences in abundance in close proximity, and the section between that and 23rd street abounds with houses and store buildings. Especially is this true of Madison avenue, where the Alton, Granite and St. Louis Traction Company has its right-of-way, extending to towns to the north.

The city is opposite the large municipality of St. Louis and has all its advantages.

Granite City has electric lines



GRANITE CITY POLICE DEPARTMENT

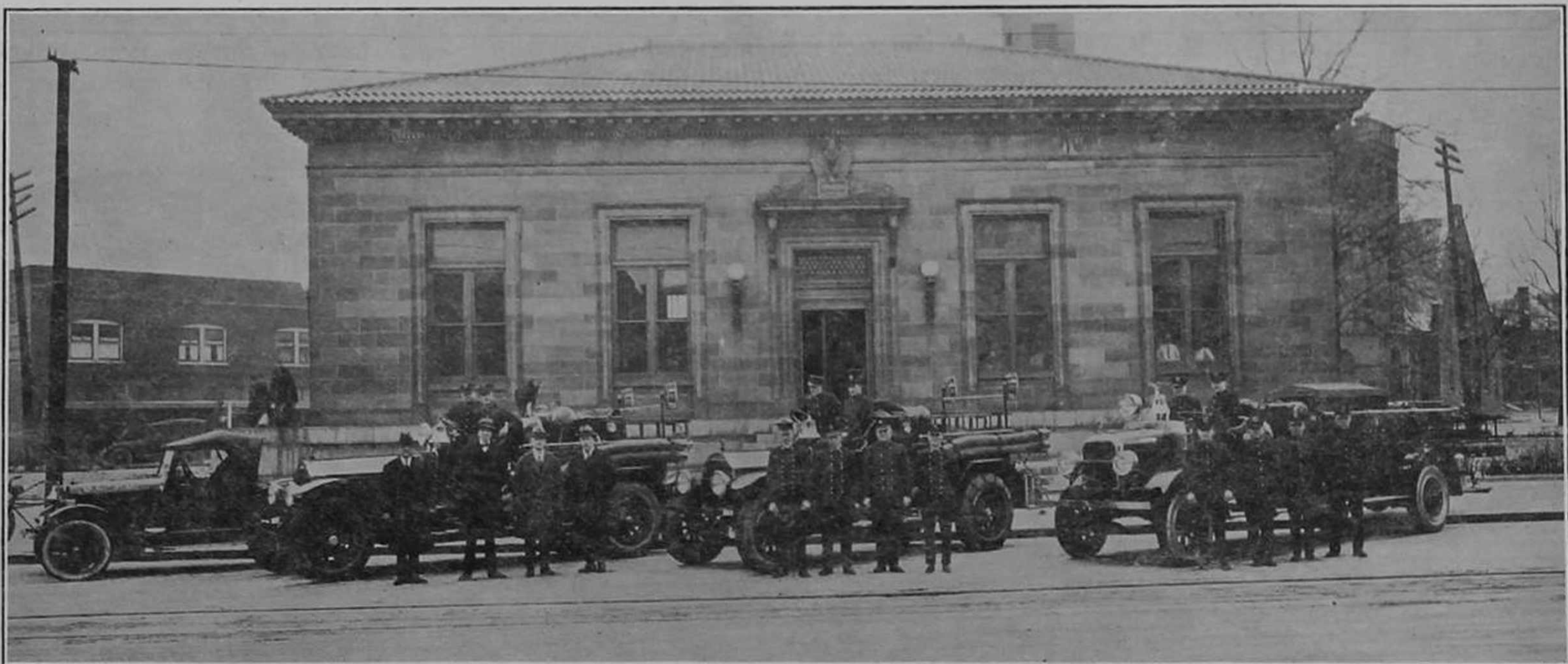
Left to right: First row—Sergeant H. Hahn, Chief-of-Police Ross Johnson, Police Matron Leona Higgins, Sergeants John Tappel and Jeremiah Odum. Second row—Charles Hickman, George Lewis, George Robinson, Ed. Bauer. Third row—Ed. Jelf, Motorcycle Cop George Poole, Henry "Pie" Meyers. Top row—R. Williamson, chauffeur; Night Riders D. Davis and Walter Cowgill.

the City of St. Louis itself, escapes the St. Louis Bridge Arbitrary, its mail facilities are par excellence and its water supply is furnished at a much cheaper rate than that in the city across the Mississippi river, which is a big item with manufacturers as

ley Bridge. These lines run direct to the heart of the St. Louis business district. The Alton, Granite and St. Louis Traction Company and associated lines operate thru the city for service to East St. Louis and St. Louis, and to towns north and east.

under civil service. The many other departments of the city are also modern in every detail and cover every phase of activity needed. Only recently the fire department added another station headquarters.

There are several sections of



The Granite City Fire Department and fire fighting equipment.

direct to St. Louis, Alton, Edwardsville, Mt. Olive, Springfield, Peoria, Decatur, East St. Louis, Collinsville, Mitchell, Staunton, Carlinville, Worden, Wood River and numerous other towns. The city is connected with all the railroads entering St. Louis, ten of them passing directly through the town.

Granite City has better advantages to offer a manufacturer than

well as residents.

Not only is the city beautifully laid out, but is many feet above high water mark.

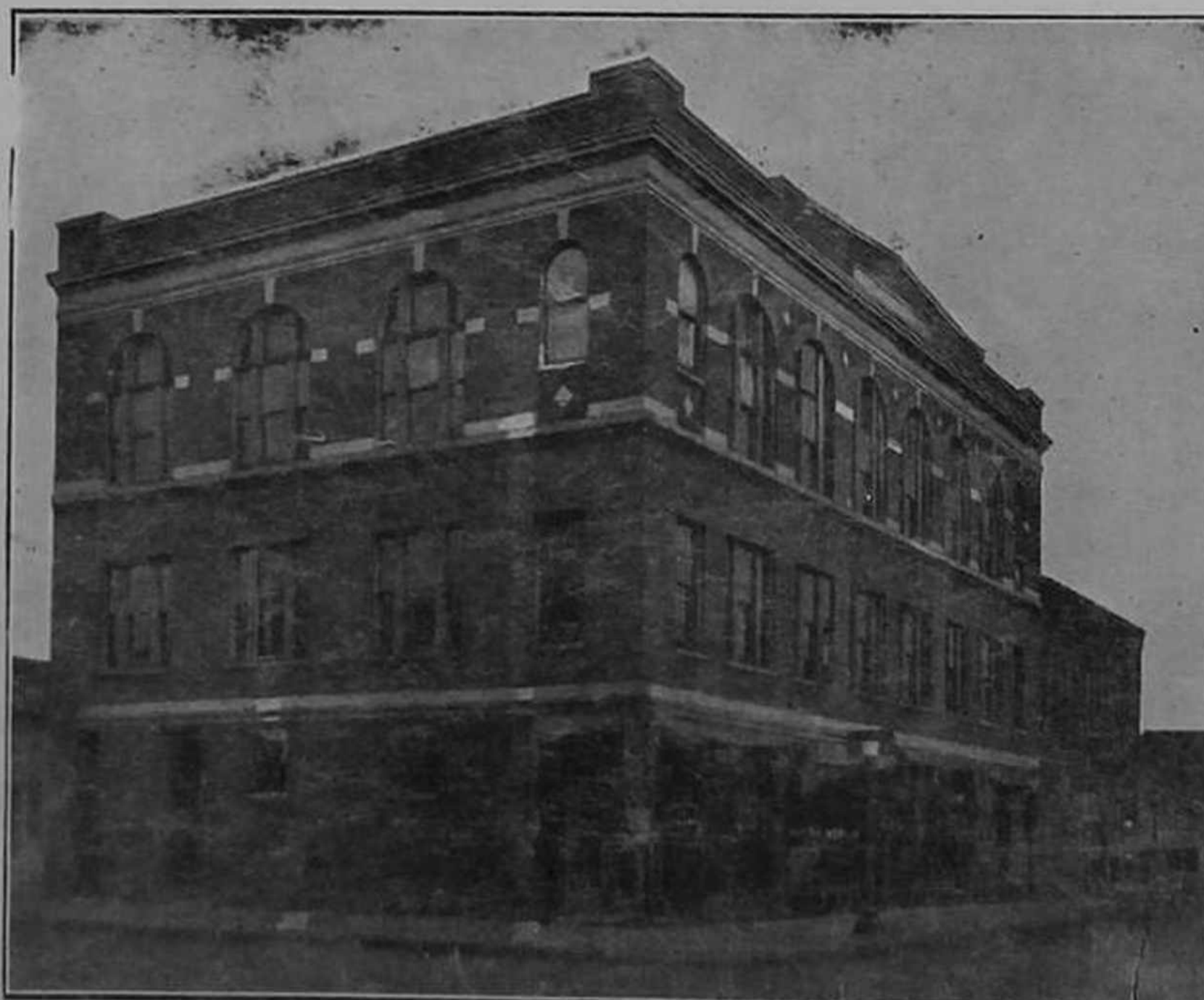
The Illinois Traction System enters St. Louis from Northern Illinois towns by way of Granite City and has local car lines which accommodate patrons here and in Madison and Venice, the two adjoining towns, for service over the Mississippi by way of the McKin-

The railroads entering Granite City are: Wabash, Chicago & Alton, Big Four, Chicago, Burlington & Quincy, Chicago & Eastern Illinois, Illinois Central, Clover Leaf, Granite City Belt Line, Terminal Railroad, St. Louis Troy & Eastern. Of the latter five, the majority have their right-of-way at the outskirts of the city.

Real estate values in Granite City increase rapidly because of

the municipality, most of which are referred to and known as follows: East Granite, West Granite, North Granite, Industrial Addition, Lincoln Place. No general name is applied to the heart of the city.

Many new improvements and building additions are planned for the coming year, including a large Illinois Traction depot, and other public utility structures, lodge buildings, etc. A new city hall is contemplated in the near future. Other improvements of a varied nature are planned.



The Moose Home, 19th and State Streets



R. H. LARNER  
Secretary, Loyal Order of Moose, and Business Agent for Granite City Lodge No. 11, A. A. of I. S. & T. W.

the unexcelled advantages. Interurban lines through the city are considered one of the big assets of the community.

Granite City has modern police and fire departments which have been operated in recent years

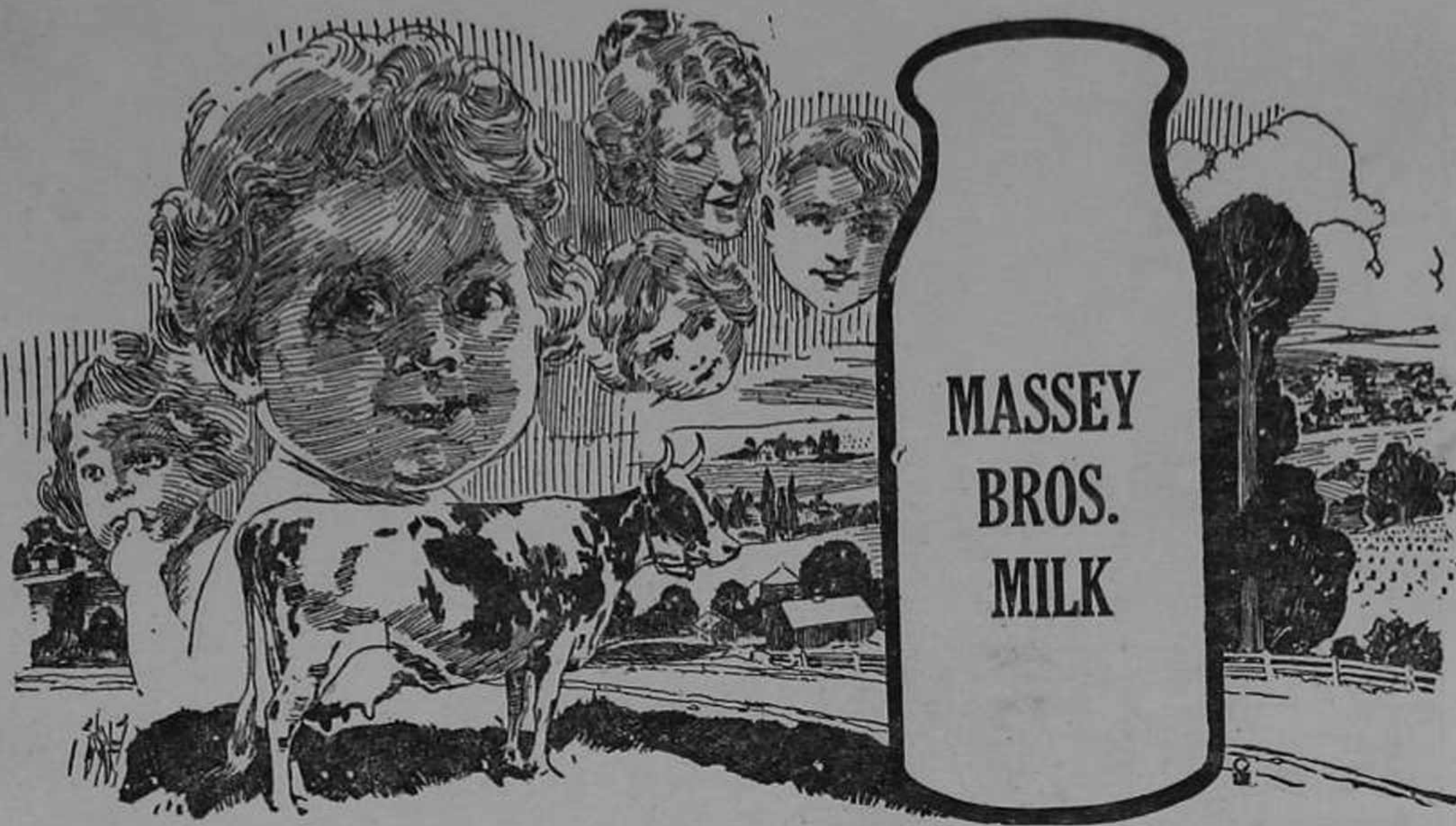
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Granite City—  
Bigger and Better  
All The Time**

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First delivery outfit of Massey Bros.

# Our Service to The Tri-Cities

The health of a community to a great extent, depends upon the Purity and Richness of the Milk Supply.

This is especially true in the case of infants and growing children, whose Health is the concern of all.

Massey Bros. Dairy is owned and operated by Roy and Clay Massey. This firm started in the dairy business in this city in 1911, coming here from Jerseyville, Ill., where they now operate a dairy and live stock farm, shipping their produce to this vicinity to market. They first opened a dairy at 2008 Missouri avenue, operating there for one year in which their business grew so they had to seek larger quarters when they moved to their present location and now serve this community with dairy products right from the farm.

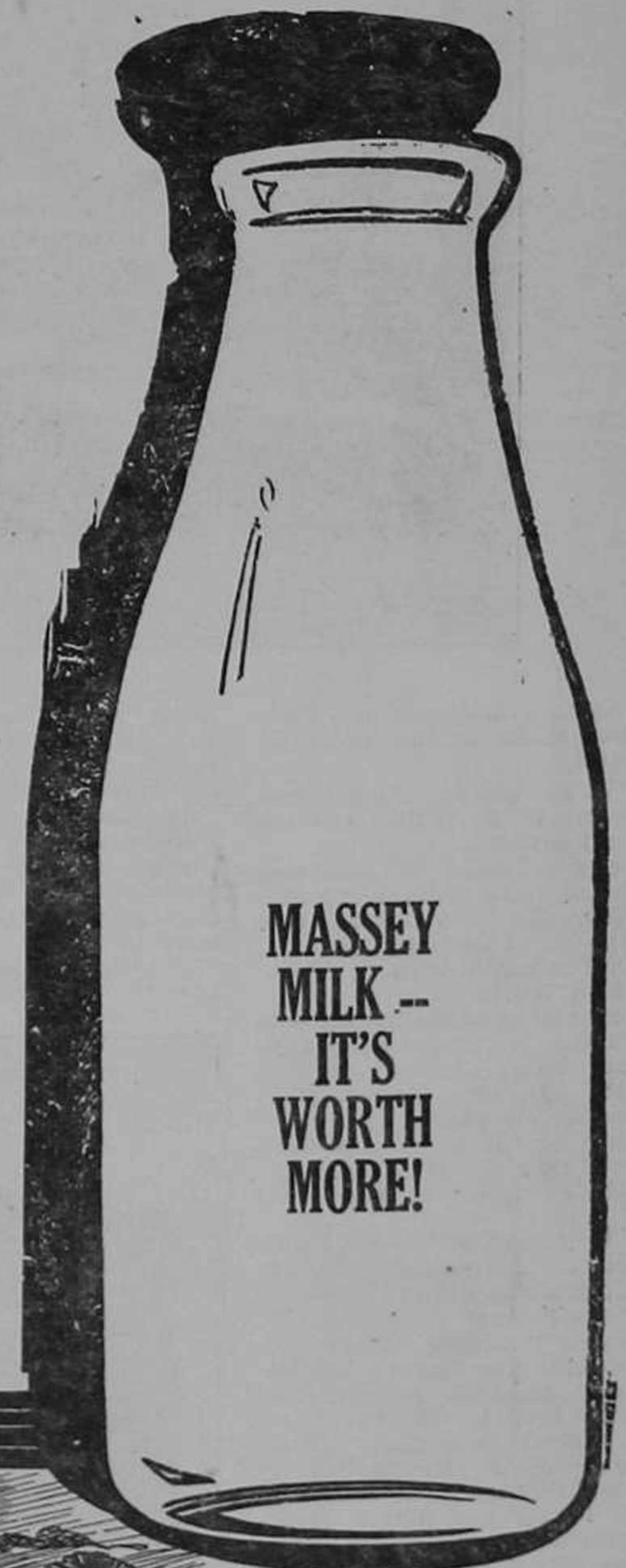
They operate a fleet of motor trucks to give the public service in their milk deliveries.

In the near future they will erect a modern up-to-date sanitary dairy plant.

## Massey Milk Is Better Milk

*We consider it a privilege to have a hand in maintaining the health of our neighbors by furnishing at all times a pure and wholesome Milk Supply. You'll like our service, too.*

### MASSEY BROS. DAIRY



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Granite City, Ill.  
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# ORIGIN, DEVELOPMENT AND GROWTH OF GRANITE CITY PUBLIC SCHOOL SYSTEM

The first school building was the old Kinderhook M. E. Church, the first floor of which contained one school room and two living rooms used for school purposes for a number of years by the present president of the First National Bank, Mark Henson, and his family.

In 1894 the living rooms were transformed into another school room and Prof. L. P. Frohardt, present superintendent of schools, began to lay the foundation for the present school system. The enrollment the first day in September, 1894, was 32 pupils, all in one room with Prof. Frohardt as their teacher. But soon another room had to be added and the enrollment for the first year was 97 pupils. In 1895 a third teacher was added and the enrollment was 156.

In 1896 the Emerson School,

ends of the Granite High School, which then became the Central Grade School, a six-room addition to the Washington School with an auditorium and a four-room addition to the Webster School. At the same time the Community High School was built.

The scope of buildings at present available for both high school and grades is: the Community High School with a capacity for over 600 students, the Central Grade, 700; the Washington and McKinley, each 750; the Emerson, 600; the Webster, 400, and the Logan, 200. Besides this there is one rented building for 150 pupils. Total present enrollment in the grade schools is: Central, 716; McKinley, 735; Washington, 650; Emerson, 530; Webster, 404; Logan, 160; Liberty, 135. Total 3330.



PROF. L. P. FROHARDT  
Superintendent of  
Granite City Schools

Community High School  
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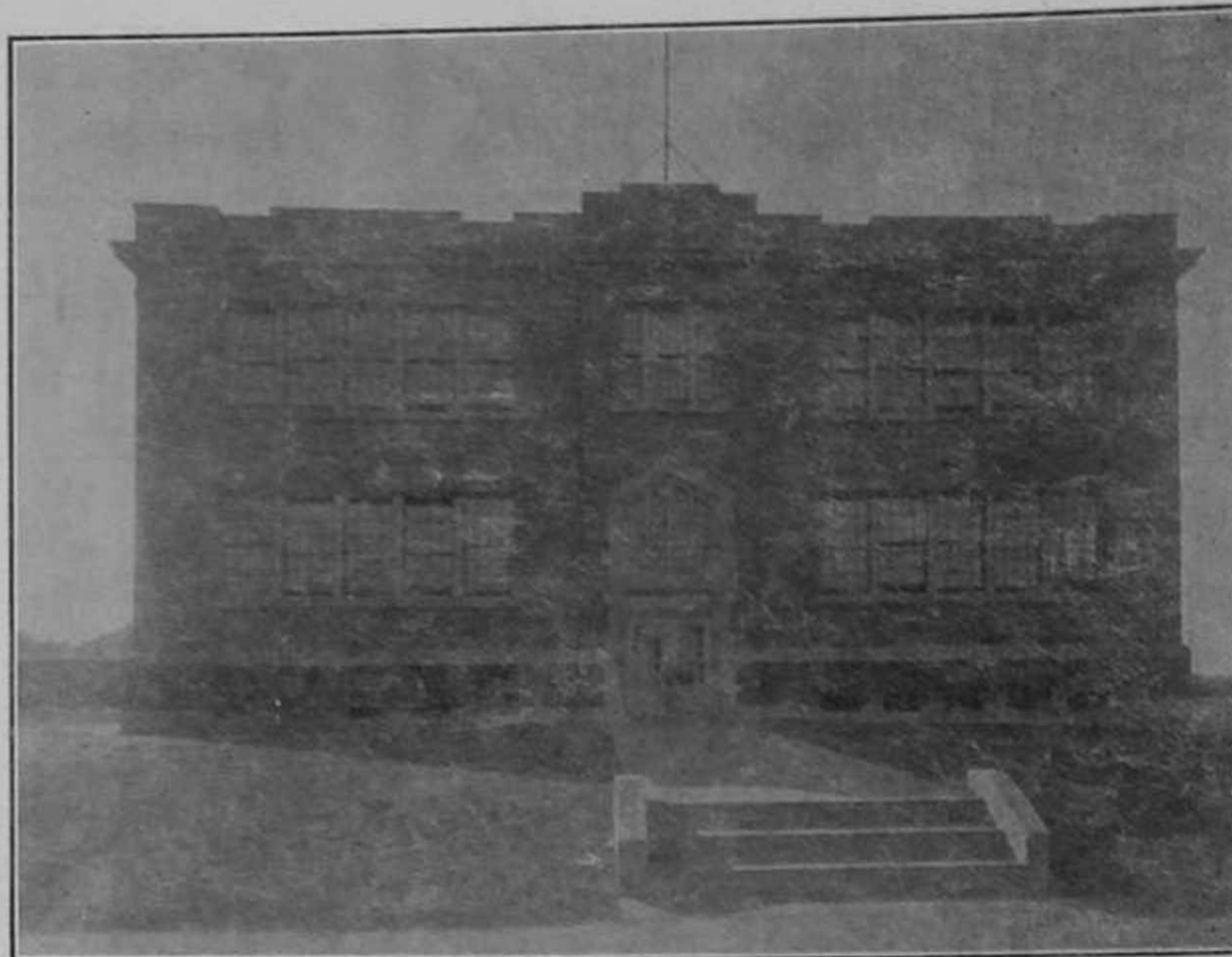
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The Community High School, with its splendid new auditorium, is one of the show places of not only Granite City, but all of Madison County as well. No visitor to Granite City should fail to visit this beautiful building, a picture of which is shown upon another page of this magazine.



Logan School, West Granite, built in 1913.



The old Kinderhook Church and School

the first new brick school building in Granite City, was erected at a cost of \$13,000. This building was first occupied on the first Monday in January, 1897. The old church building, standing but a few feet west of the Emerson School, was then used only for church purposes for several years, but in 1901 it was discovered that the Emerson School, as indicated by the rapid growth of the city, would soon become too small and plans were laid for a new building on the west side of the railroad tracks to take care of the pupils on the West Side, who were crowded in a temporary frame building on Missouri avenue. This was built by Mr. McReynolds and rented to the school board. Miss C. Y. McCarthy was the teacher in this building, 1899-1901. When the first four rooms of the Washington School were put up and occupied in 1902 by three teachers, Miss McCarthy was made principal of this school. In 1904 four more rooms were added to the Washington School, which made theirs an eight-room building.

Meanwhile the Emerson School had become inadequate to house all the pupils for both high school and grades, and the old church building had again to be used for school purposes, becoming the home of the high school department, which was organized in 1900. In addition to the old church building, the frame building still used for school purposes was built and used as a laboratory for the high school.

In 1906 the McKinley School, an 18-room building with auditorium and gymnasium was erected for high school and grade purposes. This building was completed and occupied in September 1907. The next addition to school buildings was four rooms to the Emerson in 1909. In 1911 four more rooms were added to the Washington School. The Webster School, then a 2-room building, was acquired by annexation of the East Granite district. This building was enlarged to a 4-room building in 1913. In the same year two other buildings, the Granite City High School and the 4-room Logal School, were erected.

Owing to World War conditions no new buildings were added until 1919. Housing conditions were so deplorably behind, having been obliged to put up with any kind of ill-adapted rented buildings, that building projects came with such a rush and in such magnitude in 1919 and 1920 as to tax the bonding power of the district to its utmost limit, and that was not sufficient so a Community High School District was organized, which gave double bonding power.

Four building projects were launched during the above mentioned years: An addition to both

## SCHOOL BOARD MEMBERS



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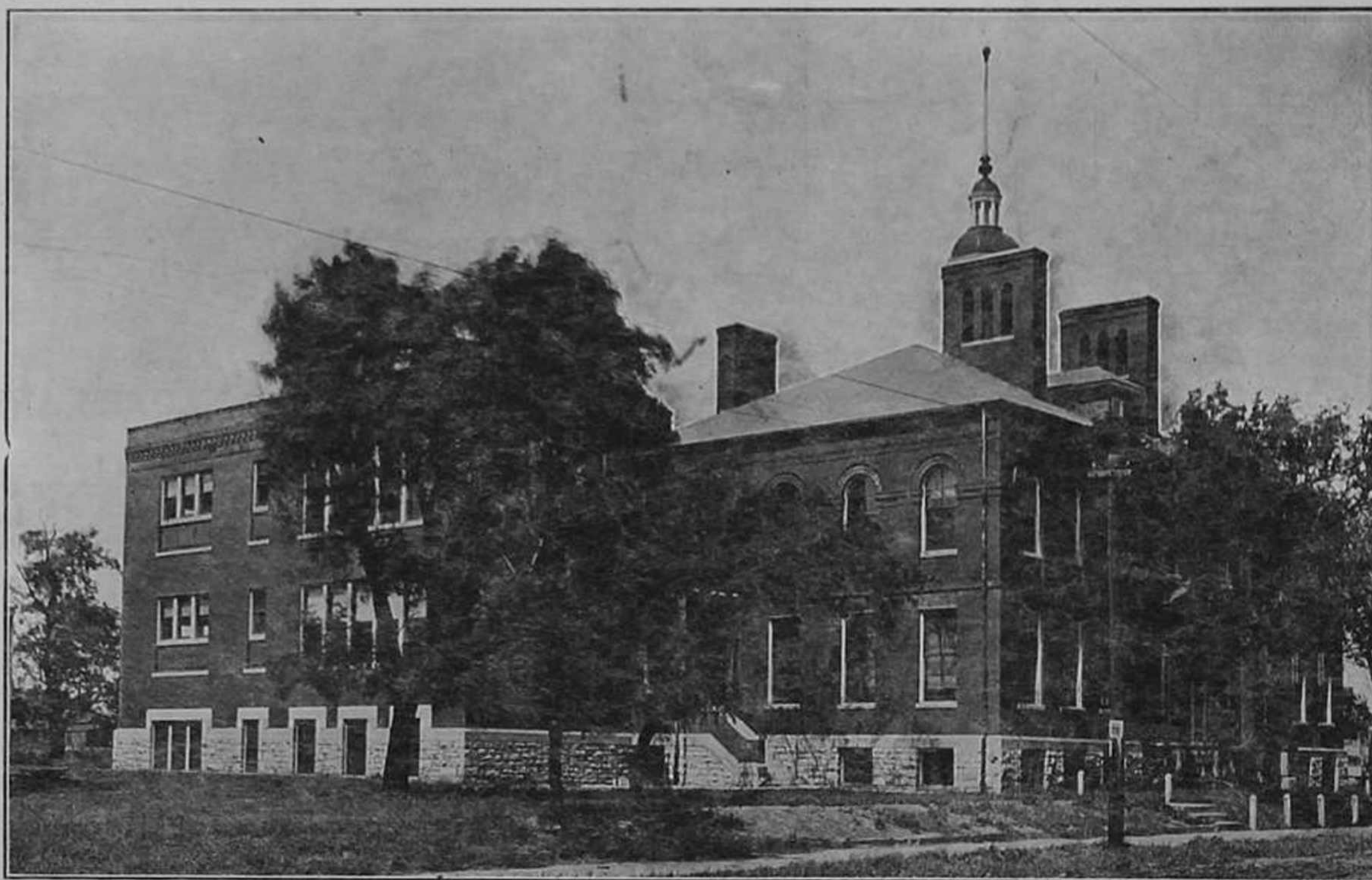
Number of teachers employed at present is as follows: Central, 23; Washington, 19; McKinley, 19; Emerson, 14; Webster, 9; Logan, 4; Liberty, 3; four principals, and the superintendent make a teaching and supervisory force of 96.

The value of school property, including the buildings, grounds and equipment is as follows: Central, \$205,000; McKinley, \$160,000; Emerson, \$145,000; Washington, \$162,000; Webster, \$65,000; Logan, \$45,000. Total \$782,000.

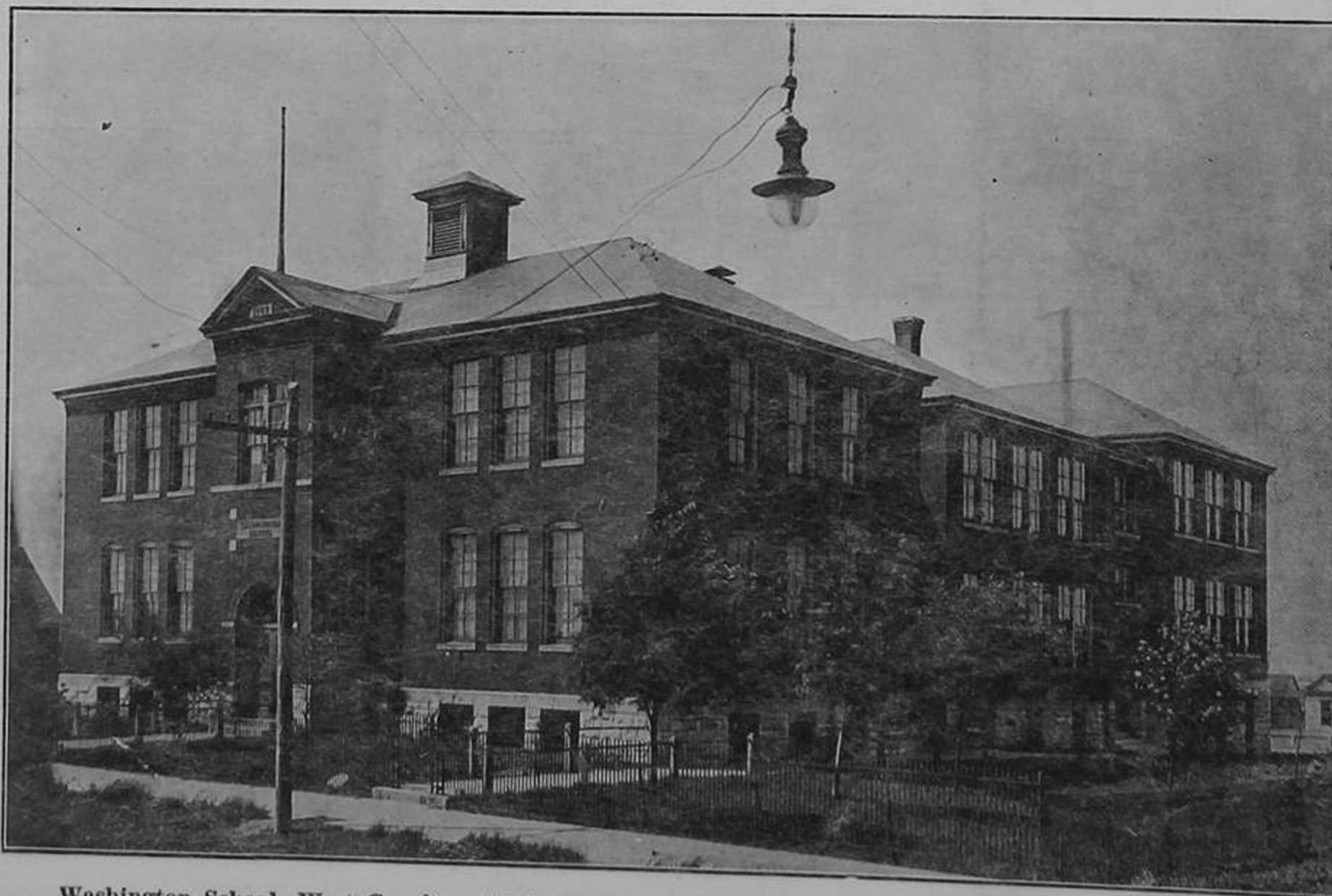
The most striking and effectual way to show the growth of the local schools may be found in the following synopsis, giving the enrollment of the pupils, the number of teachers employed, and the value of school properties at the end of each five years since the schools were established.

Pupils		Teachers		Value of School Property	
H. S.	Grades	H. S.	Grades	H. S. and Grades	Com. H. S.
1895	97			\$ 3,000	
1900	24	1	10	15,000	
1905	58	3	20	65,000	
1910	148	5	33	175,000	
1915	226	19	56	295,000	
1920	367	22	69	500,000	300,000
1924	530	31	96	782,000	585,000

Total for both high school and grades: Pupils, 3980; Teachers, 126. Value Properties, \$1,367,000. Comparing 1895 with 1924, the schools have: 1895—Pupils, 97; Teachers, 2; Properties (value) \$3,000. 1924—Pupils 4,000 (before end of year); Teachers, 126; Properties, \$1,367,000.



Emerson School, original structure erected in 1896. Picture shows additions made since that time. A. M. Wilson is principal of this school with supervision over 14 teachers; 530 pupils.



Washington School, West Granite. Virgil Bufford is principal. There are 19 teachers and 650 pupils.



# THE TRI-CITY GROCERY CO.

*The Price Leaders of Madison County*

C. W. PERSHALL AND SONS, PROPRIETORS

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**BIG STORES** — 19th and C Street, Granite City; 18th and State Street, Granite City; 219 N. Main Street, Edwardsville; 1106 Logan Street, North Venice; Wood River and Ferguson Ave., Wood River

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SAM. PERSHALL



The main store of the Tri-City Grocery Co., 19th and C Streets, Granite City, Ill.



WALTER PERSHALL

Taken over by the present management in 1914 our policy of low prices for quality merchandise has built up such a volume of business that at the present time, four branch stores are necessary to handle the volume of business. Purchasing in large quantities as we do, enables us to buy for less and we pass the savings on to our customers. That's the reason we lead, others follow, if they can.

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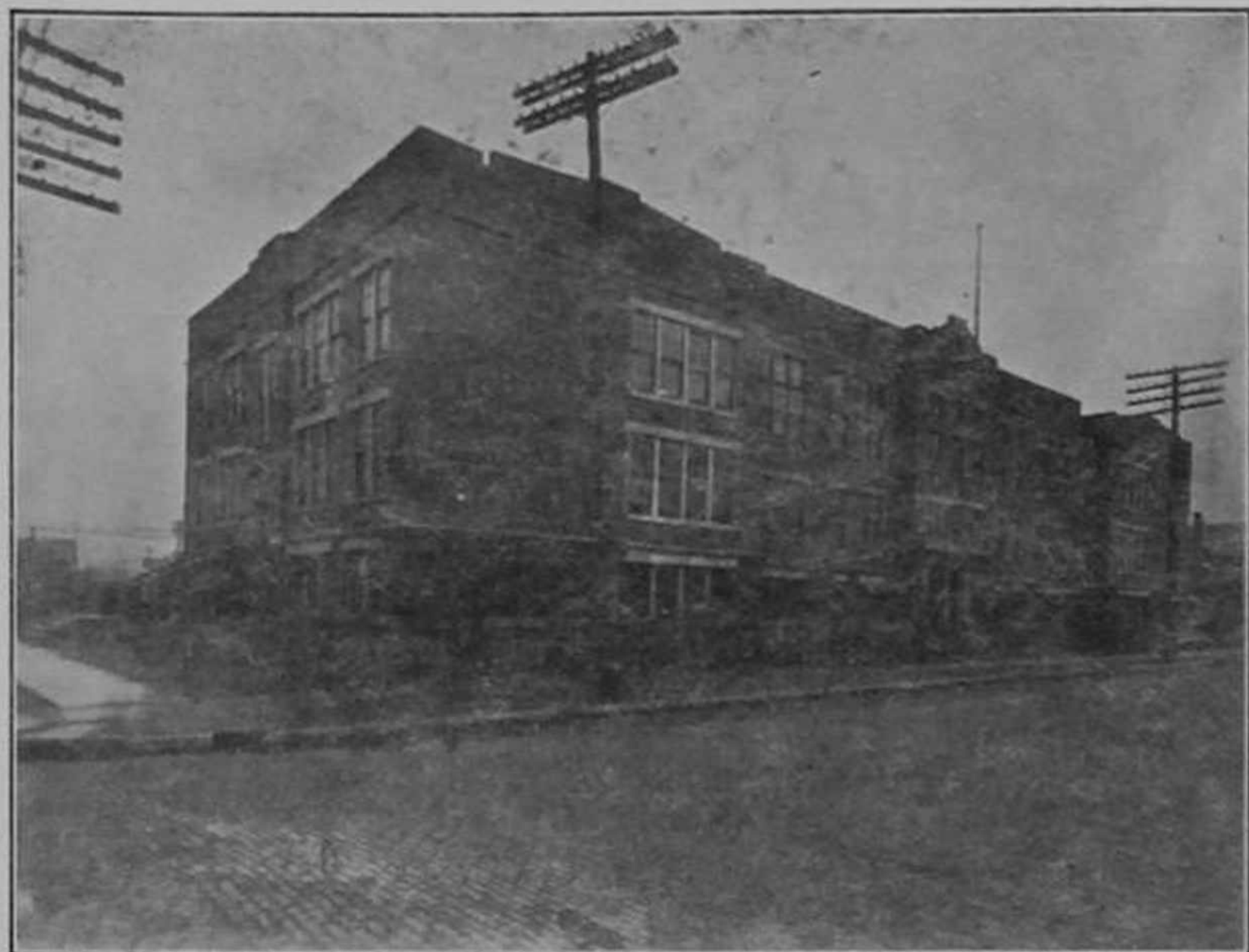
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Wherever you live in Madison County—Tri-City Grocery Stores will save you money and Tri-City trucks will render full service  
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The Central, or Junior High School, at 21st and D street, which was used as a high school until the construction of the Community High School. The Central School has 23 teachers, 716 pupils. C. Stadtman is principal.



Webster School Building, in East Granite. This school has an enrollment of 404, and nine teachers.

#### St. Joseph's Church and School.

St. Joseph's Catholic congregation of Granite City was organized in 1907 by the Rev. William Murphy, who was sent here by the late Bishop Ryan of Alton, to minister to the spiritual needs of the Catholic people. Shortly after his arrival he purchased the present valuable site of the Catholic Church and immediately proceeded to erect a parochial public school.

This was a substantial and efficient building. It stands at the corner of 21st and E streets. Adjoining the school a building was purchased to house the school teachers, the Ursuline Nuns of Springfield, who are noted for their many years of work in the classroom. The church occupied the same building as the school.

In 1905 Father Murphy erected the present parochial residence at 21st and State streets. With the transfer of Father Murphy, Rev. D. J. Ryan was appointed to take charge in 1913. He at once set about to enlarge the school to meet the large enrollment. The teaching staff was increased and every grade brought up to standard. A new home was constructed to accommodate the Sisters, and in 1921 a new church was erected, having a seating capacity of 800. The interior of St. Joseph's Church is acknowledged to be a work of art.

Under Father Ryan, societies have been formed to take care of the spiritual, social and charitable needs of his people. Quietly and unostentatiously they take



REV. FATHER D. J. RYAN of St. Joseph's Church

care of hundreds of poor and needy people every year, feeding and clothing them.

At present Father Ryan, assisted by three other priests, has under his care a very large congregation. There are 550 children in school. It is estimated that 3,000 people attend church every Sunday.

The property of the church and school, Sisters house and parochial residence is appraised at \$250,000. This congregation has increased with the growth of the city and has given to the community a notable service.

#### Concordia Lutheran Church.

The Lutheran Church of this city had its beginning 27 years ago, the congregation being organized by a few Lutheran families in the Fall of 1897. The first house of worship, a small frame structure, was in 1900 replaced by the present brick church at 20th and G streets.

The congregation grew with the city and today owns a church, a parsonage, a school and hall, and two lots adjoining the school. The value of the property is estimated at \$35,000.

The baptized membership is 550, the communicants numbering 350. The Sunday school has an enrollment of 200 pupils and 20 teachers.

In order to provide a good Christian training for their children the congregation maintains a Christian day school, which is conducted by Prof. H. C. Rupprecht, a graduate of River Forest, Illinois, who holds a first grade teacher's certificate of this state. The school is attended by 50 children.

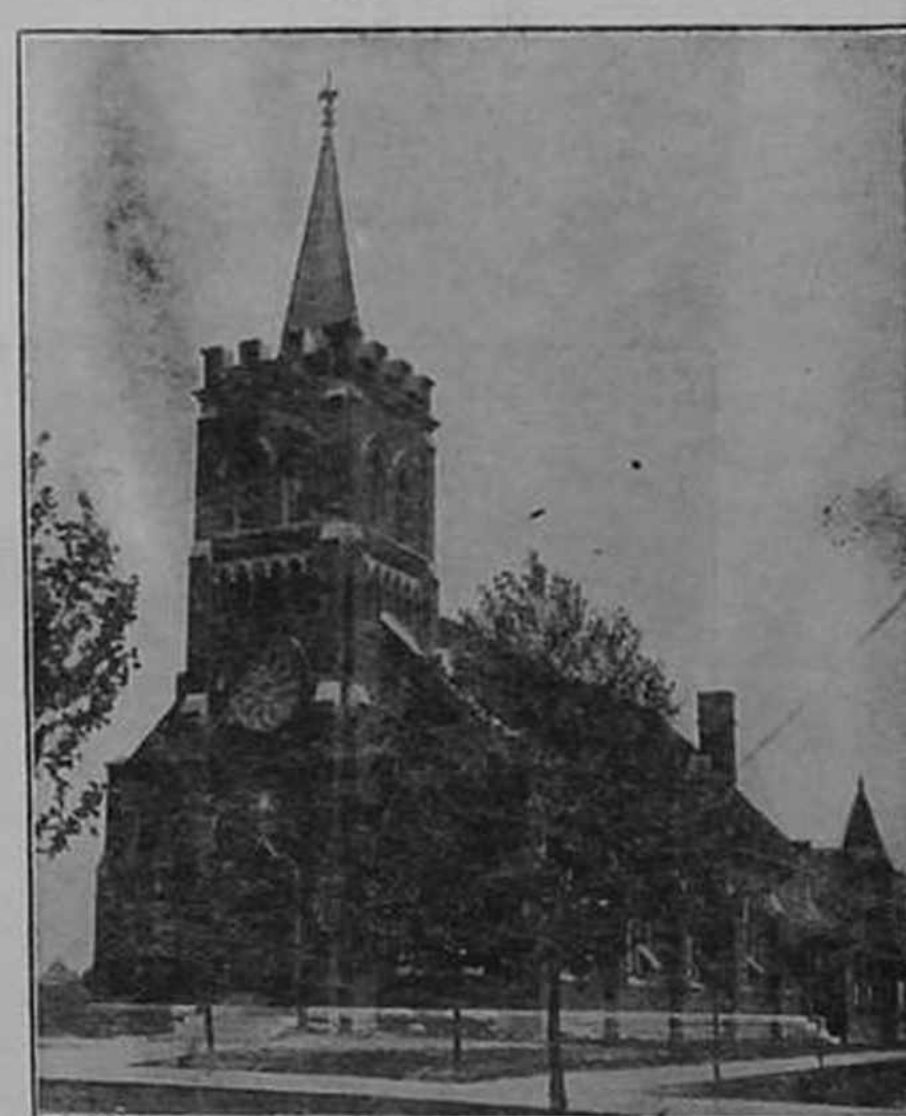
During the past year the members contributed over \$6,000.

Missions and charities were supported to the amount of \$1,500. For the new Lutheran Seminary, which is to be built near Forest Park in St. Louis and which will be the largest protestant theological seminary in the world, the congregation has subscribed nearly \$5,000.

The pastor of the church, Rev. O. Rothe, who is a graduate of the institution at St. Louis, came to Granite City in the Spring of 1917.



The McKinley School, 21st and I streets; 10 teachers, 785 pupils. Mrs. M. Arnsperger is the principal.



Concordia Lutheran Church

#### FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

The First Presbyterian Church of Granite City, 22nd and D streets, was organized in February, 1906. The Rev. E. M. Page, D. D., was the minister in charge. One hundred and twelve persons signed the petition for the organization, a large number of which became active members of the church on the occasion.

Since its organization the church has ever been on the forward move. But a few months after the organization, the congregation was worshipping in what became known as the Basement. There they worshipped during the pastorates of Dr. Page, the Rev. E. Wallace Watts, D. D., and the Rev. S. F. McDonald.

In 1915 the second story was added to the structure making one of the most attractive pieces of architecture in the city. Rev. E. W. McClusky served as pastor for the five years beginning early in 1915. (Continued on Page Seventeen)



# FERAUD BROS., 1911 State Street



Feraud Bros. started in business in 1904 at Madison. They have shown a remarkable growth and they now have the largest music and jewelry store in the southern part of Illinois.

In 1904 they rented a small corner in what was Trott's Drug Store at the corner of 3rd street and Madison ave., and after several years of hard work they were able to move into larger quarters at 205 Madison avenue where the postoffice is now located. They continued in this location until 1908 when they went into the manufacturing business and were located for some time in the old church, near the Emerson School, which is now torn down. In this church they manufactured a new patented clock. They were here for about a year then they sold out their interests to others and the clock factory was

moved to St. Louis. After this they started a jewelry store in Granite City and their business has greatly prospered.

They purchased the building in which they are now located and they carry a very large stock of jewelry and they have a first class repair department as well as a first class optical department for the fitting of eye glasses. In their music parlors they carry a complete line of Victor and Edison phonographs, as well as musical instruments, records and sundries.

Feraud Bros. have the complete confidence of the people of the Tri-Cities and they have always shown the utmost reliability and honesty in all their business dealings. Their store is a very great asset to this community.

## Ed. Mercer-- Undertaker-- Coroner of Madison County

Big, genial, smiling-faced Ed Mercer, a chap that everyone likes to meet, socially, but one whom they never desire to have pay them a professional call, for Ed, as all of his friends know him, is an undertaker and one of the best in this part of the state. Mr. Mercer's personality and sympathetic kindness has endeared him in many homes where the Grim Reaper has called and claimed a loved one.

The services rendered in such incidents has gained for Mr. Mercer the friends that come when one has an understanding heart and nature, and can render needed services in an inobtrusive way when Sorrow has laid a heavy hand on human hearts and dimmed their eyes with tears.

And the friends that Ed gains he usually keeps for he has that rare gift and ability of making new friends all the time and being able to keep all of the old ones, also.

To such a man politics, even though he is not a politician in the accepted sense of the word, is but a means of meeting more people and making more friends.

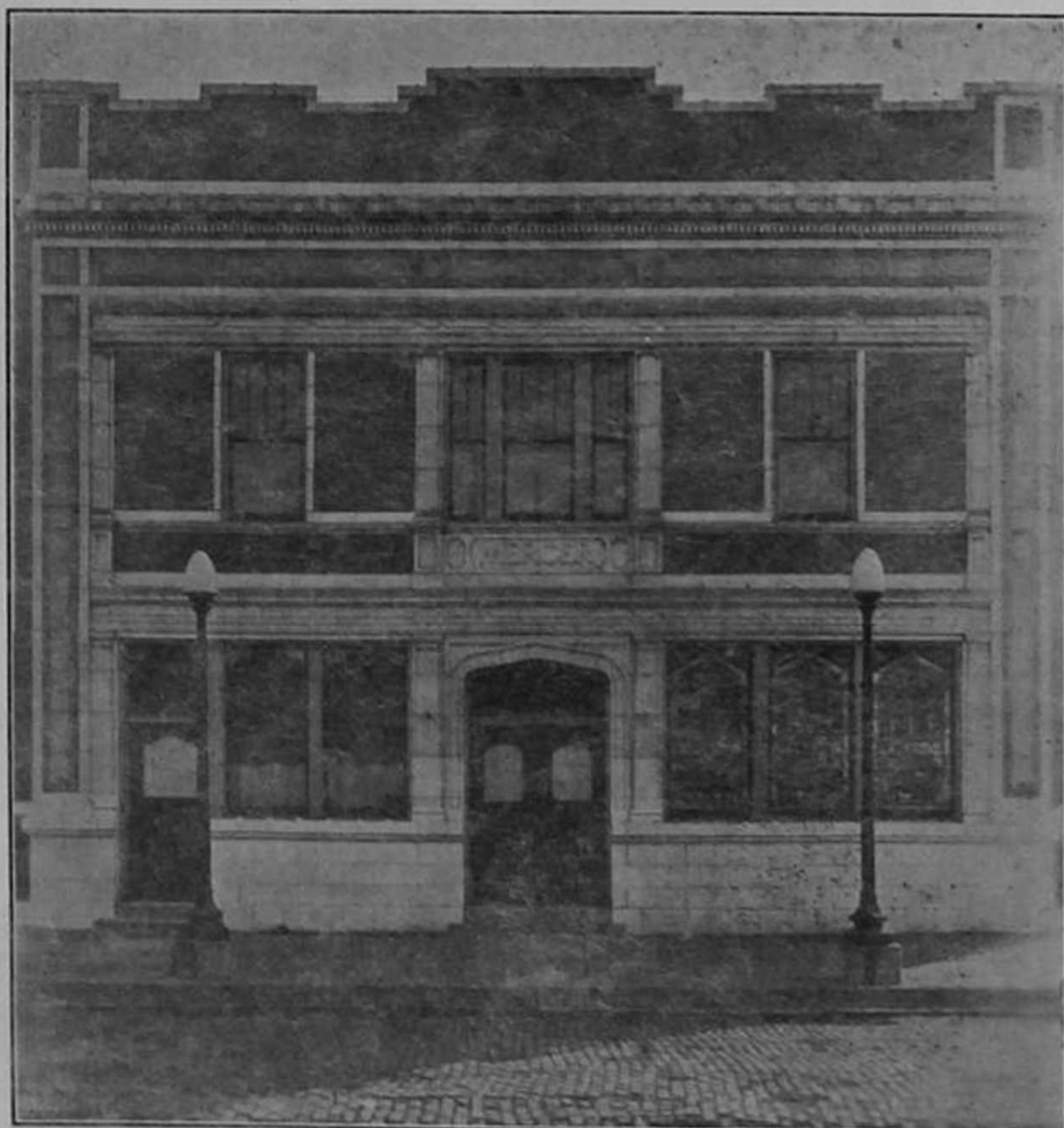
Mr. Mercer is now serving his first term as coroner and at the earnest behest of his many friends has been prevailed upon to make the race again this year.

With his quality of making friends and his record while in the office he is going to be a proposition that any opposition for the office will have to hustle to overcome.

The Mercer Chapel and Undertaking Parlors located on Niedringhaus avenue is a very beautiful edifice and a credit to this growing, progressive community.



ED. MERCER



THE MERCER CHAPEL



Rev. McClusky was succeeded by the present Pastor, The Rev. Clinton D. Bowman, who is just closing four years of service here.

Last summer the interior of the church was decorated, the outside trim-painted, and pews installed, making it one of the most attractive churches in this part of the state.

During the nearly eighteen years of the life of this church it has grown steadily until today it stands as a congregation of nearly 450 members, with a large and progressive Sunday School, and numerous other auxiliary organizations. Its scope of work has enlarged and the demands on it increased to such an extent that it is each year adopting a larger Budget. This year will show an expenditure of some \$10,000.

The religious life in Granite City can well be summarized in the large number of beautiful church edifices which are located in every section of the city.

These churches involve locations of many valuable pieces of real estate and large sums of money were expended in building and expanding them as the needs advanced with the years.

Congregations, organized more than 25 years ago, have grown until now they count large individual memberships.

#### Dewey Avenue M. E. Church.

The Dewey Avenue M. E. Church was organized in 1905 by the Rev. L. M. Burkehead, Miss Eva Becket and Mr. and Mrs. F. C. Danforth, are the only three church membership today, who were affiliated as "Charter Members."

Rev. Burkehead preached first in the Washington school house, and in 1906 the present church building at 22nd street and Dewey avenue, was erected.

A parsonage was constructed on the same lot fronting 22nd street, in 1920, with Rev. J. W. Campbell as pastor. The present minister is Rev. M. Jackson.

The church now has a membership of 250 and a Sunday School of 300. It has well organized Epworth and Junior Leagues, a progressive Ladies' Aid and a Woman's Home Missionary Society. The regular Sunday School, preaching and prayer services are held.

#### St. Bartholomew's Episcopal Church Mission.

This mission was organized in the year, 1900. Services were held occasionally in halls and school rooms by visiting clergymen, especially by Rev. J. C. White, rector of St. Paul's Church, East St. Louis.

In 1906 the present structure on 22nd street, near G., was built. It was erected as a chapel under the charge of Rev. H. H. Mitchell. The lots were given to the church congregation by the Niedringhaus Trustees. Bishop Osborne officiated at the opening in 1906. The chapel and lots are valued at approximately \$10,000. The total valuation of the church property is given as \$15,000.

Rev. F. W. Poland succeeded Dr. Mitchell and some time later Rev. F. H. Weichlein became priest in charge. While the latter was pastor, a rectory for the priest was purchased a half block from the chapel. The debt on this was finally paid two years ago. This house is now valued at more than \$5,000.

Under the clergyman in charge from time to time, the church membership has steadily grown.

The present priest, Rev. W. H. Tomlins, succeeded Father Weichlein in 1912. There are now more than 100 members, of which 80 are communicants. The annual budget has grown from 100 dollars to 3,000 dollars, for the present year.

The regular Sunday school classes and church services are held, and the Women's Auxiliary, the Women's Guild and St. Mary's Guild, valuable aids in church work, have their meetings.



First Baptist Church

The officers of the Mission are: Rev. W. H. Tomlins, President Ex-officio; David Bowen, Warden; R. H. Lerner, clerk, lay reader and church school superintendent; John Ibbotson, treasurer.

A Bishop for the diocese, Rev. J. Chandler White, of Lincoln, Ill., was elected at Springfield February 19, by the clergy and representatives of the laity to succeed Bishop Sherwood, who died suddenly November 22, last at the age of 45 years.

#### First Baptist Church.

The First Baptist Church was organized August 6th, 1901, with twenty-two charter members. Elder W. W. Morgan was the first pastor called.

Elder W. H. Barnes of St. Louis served as second pastor, and under his leadership a campaign was put on to erect a church building, which was a success. The corner stone was laid in the latter part of 1903; the building was com-



St. Bartholomew's Episcopal Church

#### Assembly Of God Tabernacle.

The Assembly of God Tabernacle, located at 24th. and G streets, is probably the most recent church structure to be erected in Granite City, and the congregation, which has had a marvelous growth until it now stands among the largest in the city, was only formed in recent years.

The congregation was organized but four years ago, in April, 1920, with Rev. C. M. O'Guin, the present pastor, in charge.

There were but 28 members at the outset but the congregation has enjoyed a wonderful growth and now lists its church and Sunday school membership at 550.

The tabernacle was built in April, 1921, on one of two lots owned by the congregation. An auto truck also owned by the church, is valued at \$1,000 and is utilized for picnic parties, visits to other cities by members, etc.

The total valuation of the property is estimated at \$5,000.

The congregation is proposing a new building on the same site which is to occupy both lots and which when completed will be 60 feet wide and 90 feet deep. The structure will be of brick with basement and with a seating capacity of 1,000. The present building seats 650.

The annual budget of the church is between \$12,000 and \$13,000.

Services are now being held every other night.

pleted and dedicated June 12th, 1904, being located at the corner of 21st and D street.

The congregation outgrew the capacity of the building and in 1921 the adjoining lot was purchased, the building was wrecked and the basement and foundation was built, being a more accommodating and larger working plant with eighteen rooms for Sunday School work.

It is the desire of the church body to complete the church building when conditions are favorable, which will, when complete, have about forty Sunday School class rooms.

The two lots and basement are valued at about \$35,000.

#### Niedringhaus Memorial Methodist Episcopal Church.

Among the early church congregations organized in this section of Madison County was one in 1804, known as Six Mile Prairie so called because it was six miles from St. Louis. From the time of its organization until 1830 the congregation worshipped in the different homes in the neighborhood—mainly in the homes of Thomas and William Gillham.

In 1830 the first church building was erected. This served the membership until 1857, when one of the members, Galvin Kinder donated more than an acre of land in the vicinity of where the Emerson school now stands to a joint

board of trustees representing the Methodist church and the School District on which to construct a building by the use of both the church and school funds.

The building was dedicated in 1858 and was two stories high. Peter Cartwright, a very noted early Methodist preacher assisted in its dedication. The first story was utilized for the school and the second story for church purposes.

This was the first Methodist church in the community and the

first to have a bell. The bell was said to have been a source of annoyance to many of the members in those days.

The church prospered for a time but by removal and death, its membership gradually decreased until it could no longer be sustained, and was finally sold to St. Peter's Lutheran church in 1880 for \$700.

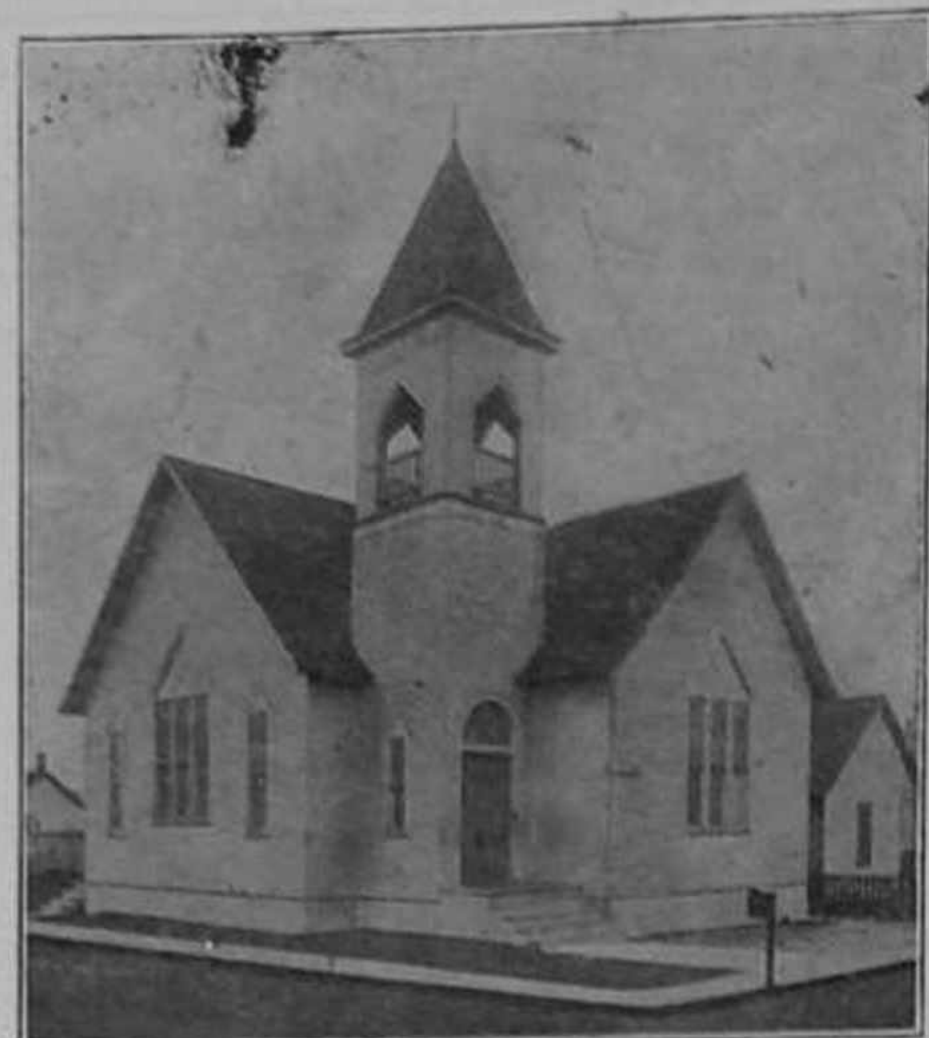
Finally, in 1892, the Niedringhaus trustees purchased several thousand acres of land on the east side of the Mississippi river north of Venice and the next year laid out a new town, Granite City.

This prepared the way for re-establishing the Methodist congregation in Six Mile Prairie. The old Kinder church as it was called was bought back from the Lutherans by the Niedringhaus Brothers, and as soon as their factories and homes for their workmen could be built, the church was opened for Methodist preaching.

In 1894 Rev. A. H. Miller became the pastor of the Methodist church in Granite City.

In 1897 the Niedringhaus turned the church over to the Southern Illinois Conference, and it continued to be used as a place of worship until 1902, when, under the pastorate of Rev. J. W. Abel, a new church enterprise was launched for a building to be erected on a site donated by the Niedringhaus trustees at the corner of 20th and D streets.

In the meantime Rev. Abel was transferred to another field and Rev. Cameron Harmon, a student at McKendree College, was ap-



Dewey Avenue M. E. Church

The present valuation of the entire property is put at approximately \$50,000. The church membership now is 700, and there is a Sunday school enrollment of more than 700.

The church has its regular services on Sunday and during the week and has several auxiliary bodies which participate in the activities of the house of worship.

#### St. John's Evangelical Church.

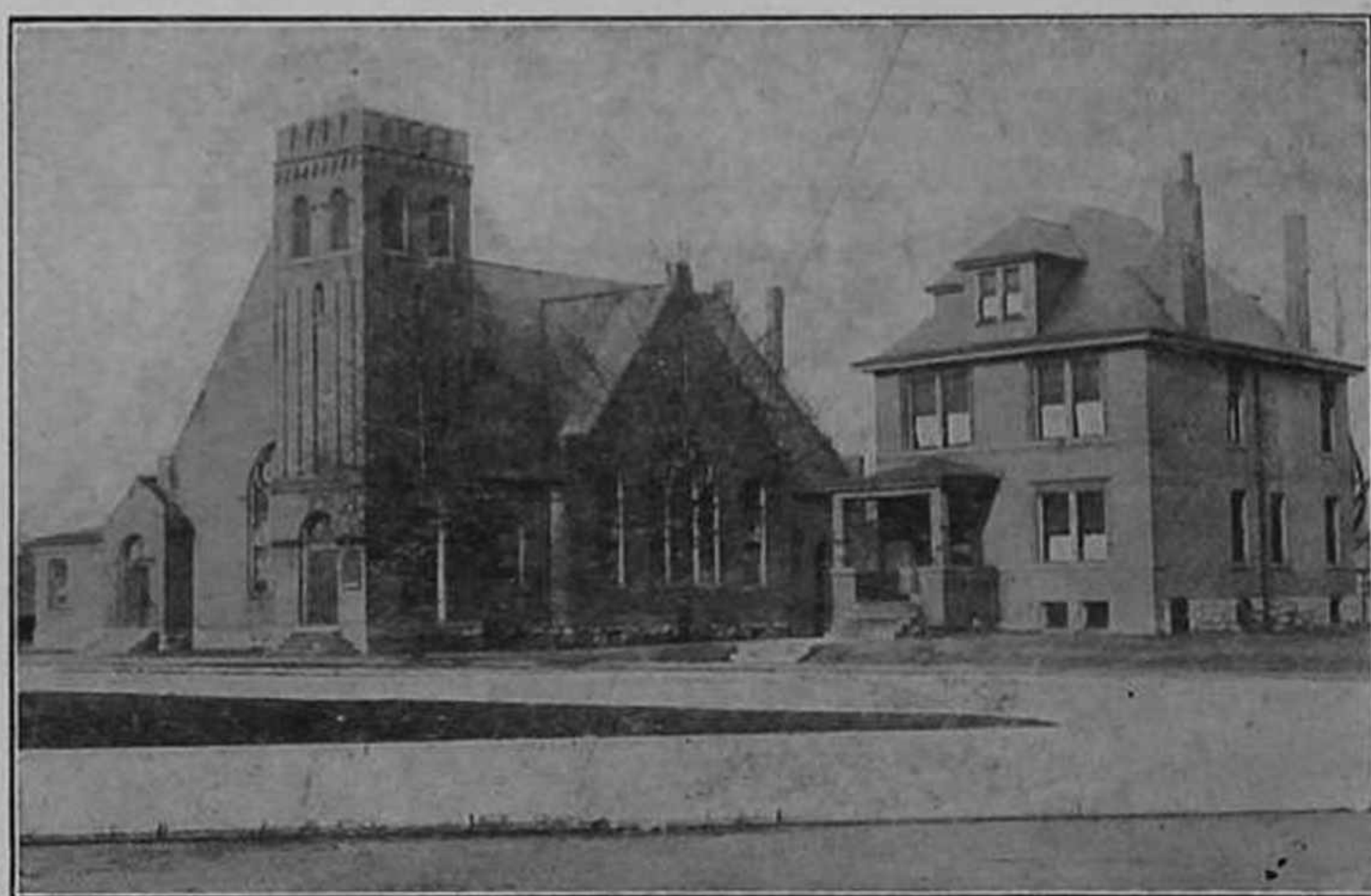
St. John's Evangelical Church, of which Rev. K. Dexheimer has been pastor for years, and which is located on Rural Route No. 2, while located at the northern edge of the city, is considered one of the progressive churches of this community. It is a part of the municipality in that all of its activities are identified with the city's welfare.

It was organized way back in 1863, many years before any thought of the incorporation of Granite City, was entertained. In those days the district was one of farm lands and prairies.

The congregation has steadily grown from a small membership until now there are 400 members, mostly farmers in the rural sections being affiliated. There are 590 communicants, a Sunday school enrollment of 150 and 20 teachers.

The value of the church property is given at \$25,000, with no indebtedness.

The congregation has also established a cemetery of the same name.



Niedringhaus Memorial M. E. Church

pointed to serve out the year. During his pastorate the present building was completed, and dedicated in the year, 1903.

The property then was estimated to be worth \$25,000. The membership numbered 226 and the Sunday school had an enrollment of 263.

In 1906 a beautiful commodious brick parsonage was built on a lot adjacent to the church. It was put up at a cost of \$8,000.

The church has a parsonage and several auxiliary organizations.

More than \$1100 has been expended on additions and repairs and the current budget is placed at \$2,840. Modern equipment has been installed in the edifice. The church contributes generously to benevolences.

The church services, Sunday school and other meetings are held with regularity.



A crowd at a revival at the big tabernacle on G street.

### Go To Church Sunday.



MAKE IT A RULE TO ATTEND SOME SERVICE—SOMEWHERE—THEN DO IT NEXT SUNDAY AND EVERY FOLLOWING SUNDAY THEREAFTER.



## John G. Tate Funeral Parlors at 2118 State Street



JOHN G. TATE

A BOOKLET OF THIS KIND WOULD HARDLY BE COMPLETE WITHOUT REFERENCE TO A CITIZEN OF THE MAKEUP AND CHARACTER OF JOHN TATE—MILL MAN, MUSICIAN, UNDERTAKER, CHURCH WORKER, BAND-MASTER AND FRATERNAL WORKER.

Mr. Tate located in Granite City in 1897 and was employed at the Steel Works Plant for several years, where he worked as a heater on the tin mills. Working the changing schedule of shifts as they do in the mills, Mr. Tate had to arrange his study hours in keeping with his work.

In 1908 he graduated from the National School of Embalming and entered into business with J. J. Lahey, under the firm name of Tate-Lahey & Co., at 20th and State streets. In 1923 he took over the entire business and moved to his present splendid location at 2118 State street, wherein is one of the most beautiful funeral parlors in Southern Illinois.

Despite the many demands upon his time from his business, Mr. Tate has found leisure to keep up with his musical studies and is a musician of great ability, being the leader of the Tate Band of this city, which conducted the series of open-air concerts at Memorial Park last summer.

In 1906 he was united in marriage to Miss Leona Whaley and both of them are very active workers in the Niedringhaus M. E. Church. Mr. Tate is a member of the Granite City Commercial Club and the local Masonic Lodge, Elks, Odd Fellows, Moose, M. W. of A., Scottish Rite and Shrine, Alhambra Grotto.



THE NEW HOME OF MOORE'S DRUG STORE  
State Street and Niedringhaus Avenue

## Geo. M. Moore Druggist

Niedringhaus Avenue  
and  
State Street

Granite City, Ill.



GEORGE M. MOORE

George M. Moore, one of the popular and enterprising druggists of Granite City, is now in his new building at State and Niedringhaus avenue. Mr. Moore was previously located at 21st and State streets but completed his new building in August, last year, and is now occupying the main store room, having one of the best business locations in the city.

In constructing the new building, Mr. Moore built two additional store rooms, both of them occupied, thus putting life into one of the main corners of two big thoroughfares, Niedringhaus avenue and State street. Within the very near future Mr. Moore plans to add another story to his building which will be used for offices.

Since opening up at his new location, Mr. Moore has introduced several innovations into drug store service here, one of them being auto truck delivery service for phone orders,

another one is sidewalk service in ice cream and soft drinks during the summer months. Machines can park on either side of the two streets and uniformed boys take care of the orders, patrons being served right in the automobiles.

Mr. Moore is building up a larger volume of business with each passing month and with his enterprise and pleasing personality is bound to be one of the outstanding men of his profession in the Tri-Cities.

Previous to starting in business for himself Mr. Moore was employed at the Ratz Pharmacy at 19th and State street where he met and made many friends.

During the World War Mr. Moore was a sergeant in the Hospital Corp.

He is married and resides with his wife and family at 2406 E street.



### Central Christian Church.

During the year 1901, a small band of the members of the Christian church began holding services in North Venice. This was transferred to Madison the following year and a Sunday school was started.

Preaching services were conducted in the homes of the members, and Rev. O. A. Bartholomew was the first minister who served the little band. He was followed by Rev. E. T. McFarland who preached on Sunday afternoons, he at the time being pastor of the Fourth Christian Church in St. Louis.

A tent meeting was held during the summer but no definite meeting place was established until the Hall in Granite City was secured, year 1903, when the Rosenberg Services were held here for some time, following which the Priest Hall was rented and services held there until 1906.

In that year a lot was donated by the Niedringhaus trustees, at the corner of 22nd. and State street, where a church building was constructed during the same year, and which house of worship now serves the congregation.

During the year 1920, a parsonage was built on the lot at the side of the church, the construction cost being estimated at about \$8,500.

Beginning with approximately 20 members the congregation has grown now to a membership of 300, with a Sunday school enrollment of about 250.

The congregation has property estimated at a value of \$30,000, and the church is now looking forward to the erection of a new house of worship within the next few years.

Ministers who have served the church are as follows: Revs. William Perigo, E. T. McFarland, O. A. Bartholomew, Bohannon, G. A. Hoffman, Anthony, O. W. Jennings, C. O. McFarland, A. R. Anderson, A. E. Underwood, Rochester Irwin, C. A. Young, and the present pastor, L. F. Drash.

The church carries a local financial Budget of about \$4,000 and a Missionary and benevolent budget of approximately \$500, annually.

Regular church and Sunday school services are held, and the various auxiliaries have their meetings which add materially to the activities of the church.

### Zion Methodist Episcopal Church.

The Zion Methodist Episcopal Church was organized in 1897 with a small membership and at a time when the population of Granite City was less than 1,000. The first two years the meetings were held in a school house. In 1899 the present brick church building was erected at 20th and C streets. In 1912 a parsonage was erected next to the church.

The church property as it stands today represents a valuation of \$40,000.

The membership at present is 155.

The budget for last year, including contributions to various enterprises, amounted to \$5,000.

The Sunday School enrollment is 100.



Zion M. E. Church, 20th and C Streets

### Hungarian Baptist Mission.

The Hungarian Baptist Mission, located at Pacific avenue and Poplar streets, Lincoln Place, is not an organized church, but rather a mission, the members of which reside in Granite City and St. Louis. The St. Louis membership is affiliated with the Park Baptist Church of that city.

The chapel was built about nine years ago. There was no pastor on the field from October, 1919, until January, 1923. This naturally hindered its growth.

There are now ten active members who are supporting the work, there is a promising Sunday school and an interesting Women's Mission Circle. The latter organization meets once a month. The budget for the past year



Central Christian Church, 22nd and State Street

was approximately \$300. The property is valued at \$4,000.

This is the only Hungarian church in Granite City. Material advancement in the membership and finances for upkeep, is expected during the year.

### St. Peter's Evangelical Church.

St. Peter's Evangelical Church was organized December 1, 1901 with a congregation membership of 28. The services then were held in the Emerson School building.

The present church building was built in 1903 and is valued with its equipment at \$20,000.

Rev. Robert Kofer, the present pastor, has served in that capacity for the past nine years. He is the fourth minister in charge of the church. His parsonage is located next to the church edifice.

The congregation has grown until now it numbers 200 members.

The various auxiliaries of this house of worship are very progressive in church work and their activities extend to every phase of church life.

The regular Sunday school and church services are held.

The building was erected at a time when the city was but a few years old.

### THE COMMUNITY HOUSE OF LINCOLN PLACE.

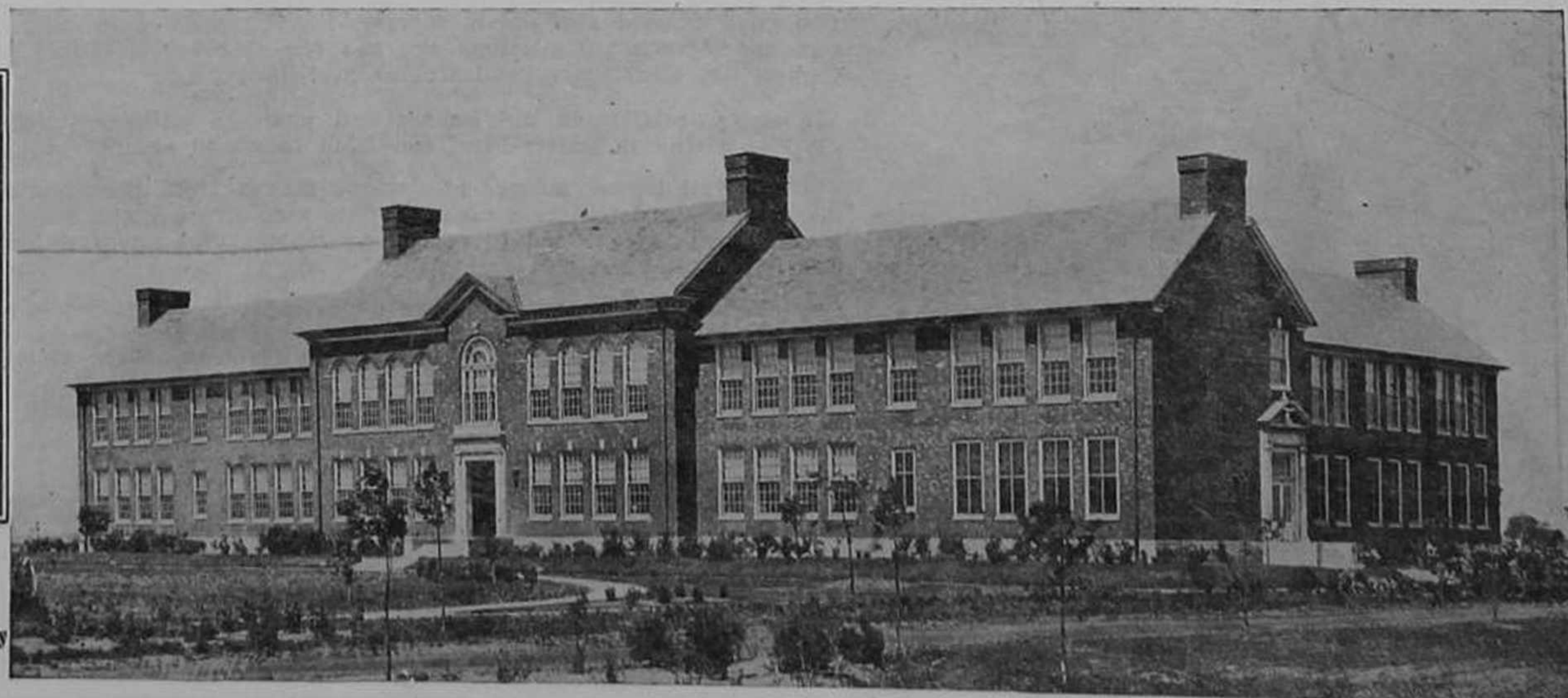
The Community House, dedicated to the residents of Lincoln Place as a community center for the general welfare of those living in that section of the city, was opened on Washington's Birthday, February 22, 1922, with a dedication program in which 700 people took part.



Zion M. E. Church, 20th and C Streets



W. F. COOLIDGE  
Principal  
Granite City Community  
High School



The Granite City Community High School

Miss Sophia Prather and Harry Krusz are in charge of the building and its activities and the Safety and Fellowship Department of the Commonwealth has supervision of its operation.

Since the center was built many large gatherings and functions have been held within its doors and the various elements of the foreign population of the city have especially taken advantage of the opportunities offered to further their education and to promote their athletic activities.

For those desiring to participate in the athletics offered, several departments have been established to take care of most of the wishes of the population of that section of the city.

Many prominent meetings have been held in the Community House within the past year or so and in each instance there has always been a large attendance at each one of these events.

The center is used for conferences, entertainments, meetings of various kinds, recitals and other endeavors and the seating capacity has always proved adequate to take care

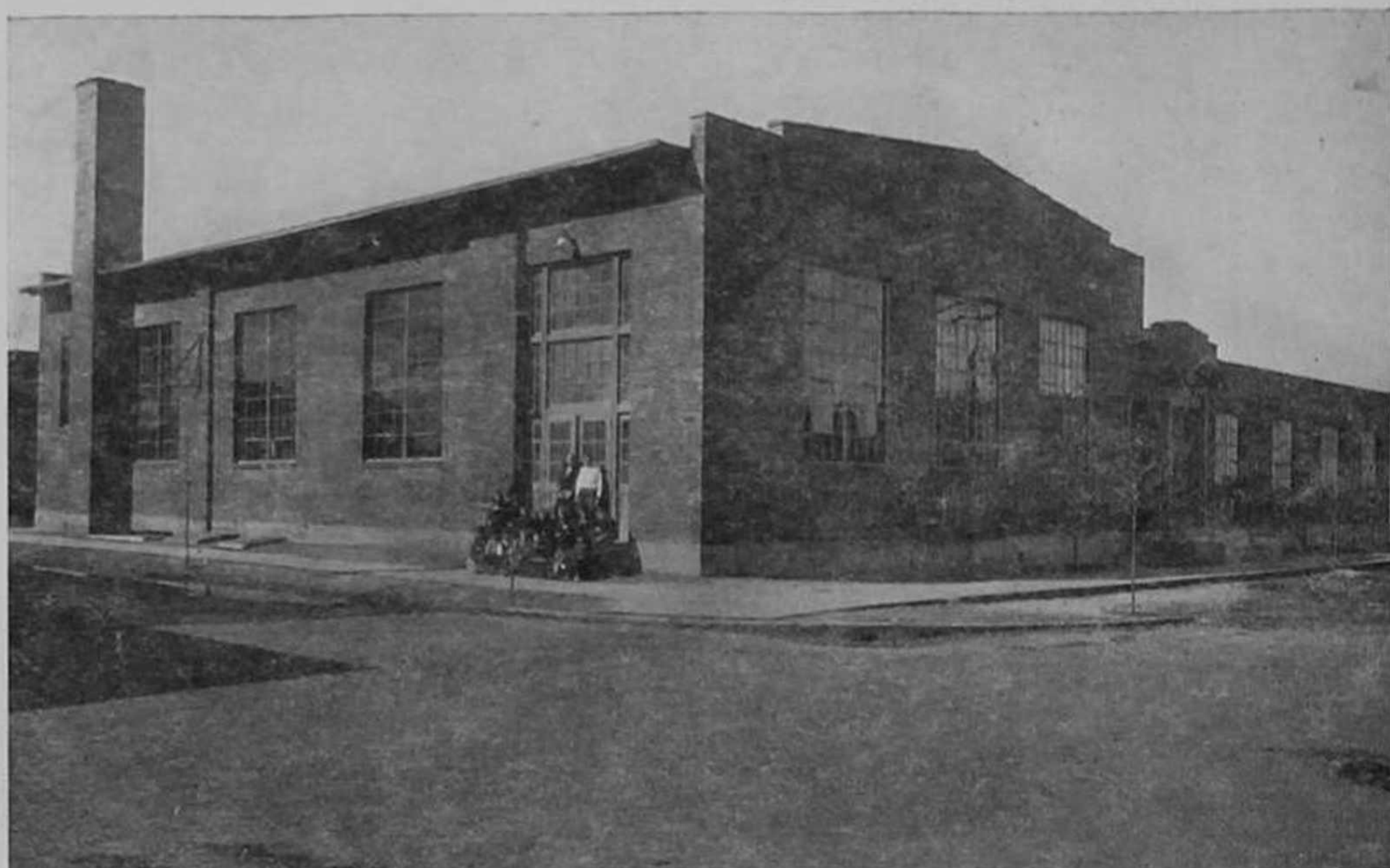


St. Peter's Evangelical Church, 21st and C St.

of any of these events.

The building has a large spacious hall and stage especially adapted to the entertainment requirements of the neighborhood.

Credit for many of the scenes and pictures in this booklet is due to the Art Shoppe Studio, O. W. Lane, Prop., 19th and E Streets, Granite City, Ill.



The Lincoln Place Community House



First Presbyterian Church, Granite City, Ill.



## ARTHUR SIEVEKING, PROPRIETOR of the BUSY GROCERY and MEAT MARKET at 21st and C Street, is a good example of what a young man of energy and perseverance can accomplish when he fixes a goal and sets his mind to accomplish it.

Mr. Sieveking started in the grocery business when but a lad of 16, being employed in the capacity of clerk and delivery boy for several firms in the Tri-Cities. While working for others, Mr. Sieveking always kept his mind firmly fixed upon the idea of being in business for himself some future time and he always applied himself diligently to his work and endeavored to learn as much about the business as possible. He was employed by E. Hatscher of Madison from 1916 until 1919 when he purchased the store and meat market at the corner of 21st and C streets.



At that time the business occupied only one room but Mr. Sieveking introduced several changes when he took charge, one of them being the policy of advertising and he soon built up a volume of new business that compelled him to enlarge his store which was done by taking over the adjoining room.

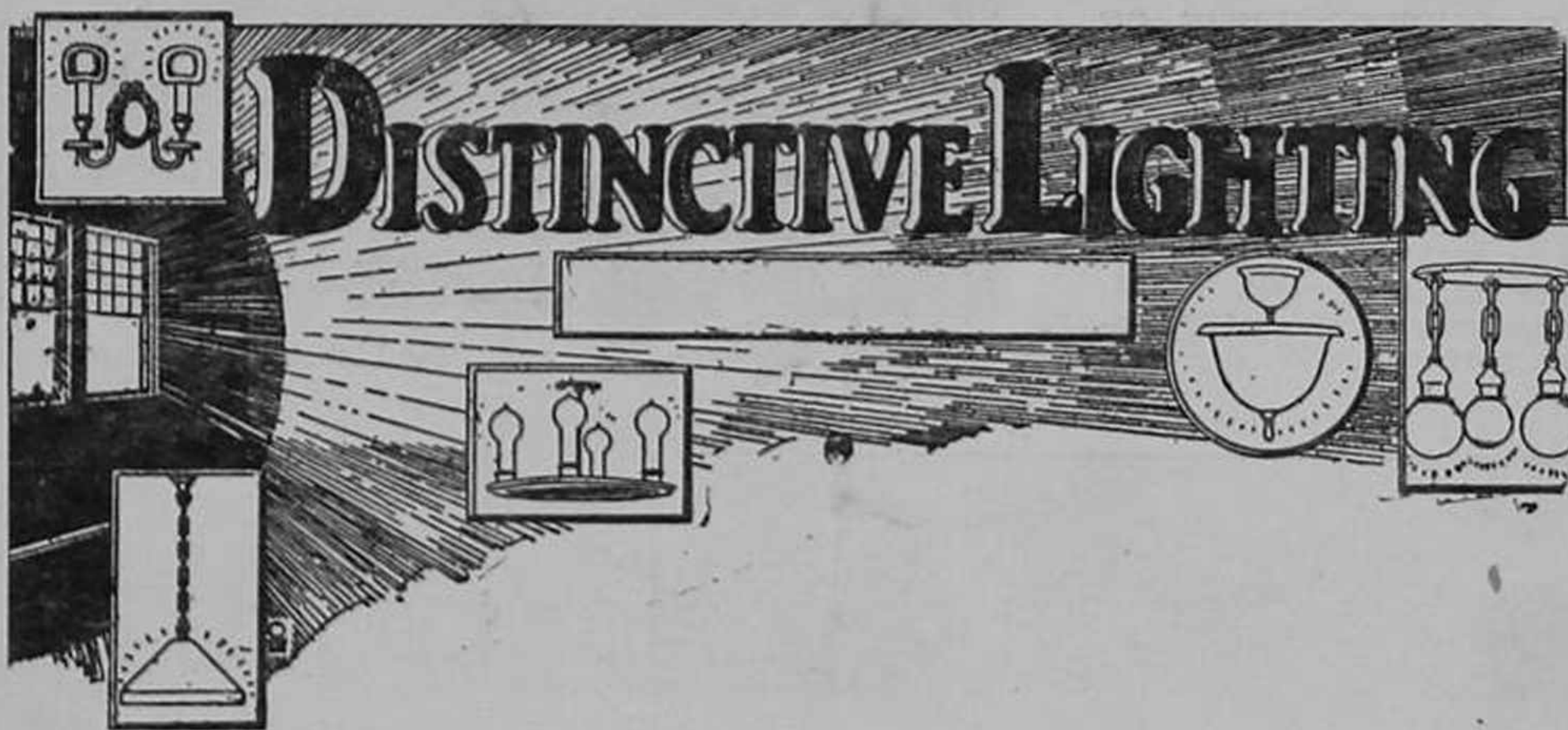
The enlarged and remodeled quarters enabled him to carry a larger stock and arrange it to a better advantage, and his pleasing personality and courteous manner has built up a volume of business that would be a credit to older established stores.

Since taking charge of the store, Mr. Sieveking has purchased the building and is now his own landlord.

He is a member of the Granite City Commercial Club and is always deeply interested in anything that means the betterment of civic conditions and the building up of a greater Granite City.



JOHN R. KELEHAN



JOSEPH R. KELEHAN



We are proud of the many distinctive lighting jobs we have installed in the Tri-Cities and elsewhere, for we have made an exhaustive study of lighting and know just how to obtain the right effect at a minimum of expense to our customers.

The 19th Street White Way, the flood lighting out at Wilson Park and Community High School, are some of our outside jobs of lighting. The Washington Theatre and the Community High School auditorium are two good examples of art in interior lighting in Granite City. Some of our out-of-town installations are the big Community High Schools at Carlinville, Harrisburg, and Robinson, Illinois.

We also specialize in old houses and business buildings, putting your electric wiring in Safety-First condition to guard against fire.

We sell and install motors of various makes from the smallest to the largest size, and maintain an up-to-date motor repair and service department which is equipped to render prompt service on all motor trouble calls.

Our electric appliance and fixture department can supply you with such nationally advertised merchandise as Thor Washers and Ironers; American Beauty, Hotpoint, Westinghouse, and Universal Irons, Percolators, etc., on very easy monthly payments. Let us beautify your home with modern lighting fixtures. We also handle Thor and Hamilton-Beach Vacuum Cleaners.



# Peerless Electric Company

1920 State Street,

Granite City, Ill.



# THE GRANITE CITY Y. M. C. A. AND ITS ACTIVITIES



IRWIN RAUT

## GRANITE CITY YOUNG MEN'S CHRISTIAN ASSOCIATION

The Granite City Young Men's Christian Association was organized originally among the industries of the city, the organization being perfected at a meeting at the plant of the Commonwealth Steel Company, August 1, 1916. From this meeting the association developed into a Y. M. C. A. Industrial Department. Irwin Raut, the present secretary, was at the original gathering.

The regular city association was formed in November, 1917, with F. W. Kottmeier as the first president. He served four years and was succeeded in 1921 by W. J. Coudy and Coudy was succeeded one year later by George Whitten who is now serving in his second year.

The activities at the outset of the organization was Americanization work. This was followed by playground activities, night high school, baseball, vacation bible schools, series of Young Men's and Young Women's Conferences. The Hi-Y Club of the Granite City Community High School, is just a recent addition to the parent organization.

There were 66 teachers and leaders during the past year in various activities as well as 1,000 young people taking part.

The work was extended to Madison about two years ago.

A building for the association is planned for the near future and will be constructed at an approximate cost of \$225,000. The organization already has the site, located at 20th and E street, and which was donated by the Niedringhaus Trustees. There is also additional ground at the site which the contemplated building may occupy.

## PLANS MADE TO BUILD Y. M. C. A. BUILDING AT ONCE.

At a meeting held last Friday evening at the Elks Club, representatives of the various civic, fraternal, labor and other organizations, some 250 people in all, voted unanimously to go ahead with the plans for the immediate construction of a Y. M. C. A. Building here in Granite City, the cost to be approximately \$300,000. C. H. Howard of the Commonwealth Steel Company agreeing to donate \$50,000 towards the building fund.

The annual statistical report for the year 1923 of the Y. M. C. A. is as follows:

**EVENING CLASSES,** Closing Date, April 30—In co-operation with Board of Education, High School and Industries.

Name of school number of students and instructor, are:

**High School—Stenography,** 39, Emma West, Verna Diehle; **typewriting** 48, Anna Sampson; **Bookkeeping,** 14, Peter Udre; **mathematics,** 17, P. D. Martin; **English,** 17, H. Coolidge; **drawing,** 13, V. C. Rilling. **Total enrollment** 148; **less duplicates** 51. **Individuals** 978.

**Central Grade School—7th and 8th Grade,** 16, Margaret Mulberry; **sewing,** 9, Corine Tie-mann; **Americanization,** 24, Irwin Raut.

**Mill—Physics** for supt. and foremanship class 50, J. D. Broome.

**Lincoln Place—Foreigners,** 33, E. H. Smith, Mrs. E. Smith, Sophia Prather.

**Madison—Foreigners** 32, Mrs. Dora Ashley.

**Total number students,** 313; **teachers,** 17.

**MADISON COUNTY OLDER BOYS CONFERENCE,** April 27, 28. In co-operation with high schools, churches and other organizations, 68 out-of-town delegates entertained over night. 51 home delegates. 225 at banquet.

**Lester Hornbuckle,** toastmaster. **Conference discussions and leaders—**Clean Speech, M. Motz, Edwardsville; **Clean Athletics,** I Dillard, Collinsville; **Clean Scholarship,** P. Stumpf, Madison; **Clean Habits,** R. Hilton, Alton.

**BUNDLE DAY FOR NEAR EAST RELIEF AND RUSSIAN STUDENTS,** May 9. In co-operation with public schools, churches, clubs, 5,000 pounds of clothes collected. Mrs. W. J. Biel, chairman of committee in charge of packing. 30 large oxes furnished by Stamping Works, 15 sacks by Michel Bros.

**TRI-CITIES OLDER GIRLS CONFERENCE** in co-operation with high school, churches and other organizations, May 18. 300 at banquet. Margaret Coudy toastmaster.

**Discussions and leaders—**The Girl at Home, Frances Louise Hopkins; **The Girl at Work,** Anna Goza; **The Girl in the Community,** Lucille MacLeod; **The Girl in the Church,** Dorothy Probes; **The Girl in the School,** Florence Murphy.

**AN AMERICANIZATION PROGRAM,** Presentation of Naturalization Certificates to newly admitted citizens, June 11. Frederick W. Amack, U. S. Naturalization Examiner, principal speaker. Music by Sadow's Hungarian Orchestra. Attendance 100. Rainy night.

**DAILY VACATION BIBLE SCHOOLS,** in co-operation with churches and other organizations, June 25 to July 20. 659 pupils, 34 teachers. Presbyterian Church—114 pupils, 11 teachers; Mrs. J. Lynch, Rev. C. D. Bowman, Mrs. W. J. Biel, Mrs. M. H. Allen, Mrs. Davis, Mrs. B.

**Daniels** Alice Daniels, Georgia Erwin, Majorie Lipscomb, Katherine Reintges, Royal Barney. **McKinley School—**82 pupils, 9 teachers; Mrs. I. Raut, Frances L. Hopkins, Muriel Morgan, Alice Pittman, Mrs. S. W. Bramley, Frances Lantermann, Byron Fossieck, Blodwyn Hopkins, Rose Taylor.

**Liberty School—**162 pupils, 4 teachers; Mrs. R. C. Davis, Mrs. M. S. Knisely, Thelma Link, Karmyn Bramley.

**Lincoln Place—**100 pupils, 3 teachers; Sophia Prather, Ethel Morris, Mrs. E. H. Smith.

**Madison Mission—**125 pupils 1 teacher; Mrs. Dora Ashley.

**Methodist Church—**66 pupils, 6 teachers; Mrs. G. B. Anthony, Mrs. Jesse Darner, Mrs. W. J. Givenrod, Edith Nell Morris, C. B. Anthony, Mrs. Mary Brandes.

**"Y" BASEBALL LEAGUES,** June 25 to August 17, 120 players, 12 officials. J. E. Corrie, president; Pando Kostoff, secretary and general manager.

**Senior Division,** boys under 17 years of age. **Teams and managers—**Kreolite Juniors, winners, John Haley; **East Granite,** Wm. Moore; **Lincoln Place,** Boris Mitseff; **All Stars,** O. M. Townsend.



All work and no play makes Jack a dull boy—Y. M. C. A. Twilight Baseball League, 12 Teams.



Working Girls Conference, November 19.

**WORKING GIRLS CONFERENCE,** November 19. Attendance 200. **Mistress of Ceremonies,** Arvilla Frohardt, Y. M. C. A.; **Cheerleader,** Mary Cowan, teacher. **Theme:** The Working Girl, Her

**Problems—**In the Home, Dorothy Kuebler, Press-Record; **Anna Germaty,** Hoyt Metal. **In the Shop:** Irene Lewis, Carp Dry Goods Co.; **Anna Goza,** Stamping Works. **In the Church:** Edna Richardson.

**Michel Grocery;** Edith Plato, Commonwealth. **In the Community:** Pearl Rongey, Midland Creosoting; **Maude Riley,** teacher. **Address, "The Young Woman of Today,"** Jennie Greenwood.



Conference of Young Men in Industry, September 27.

**Conference of Young Men in Industry,** September 27. Attendance 225. **Toastmaster,** Fred Pierce, Barber Asphalt; **Cheerleader,** Amos Jarret, National Lead.

**Theme:** The Fellow That Works, His Relation To—His Job, Elfred Hodges, Coke Plant; **His Boss,** Fred Merz, Hoyt Metal; **His pay Envelope,** Noel O'Haver, Am-

**erican Steel Foundry;** **His Leisure Time,** Floyd Mitchell, Commonwealth; **His Future,** Oliver Pfeiffer, Stpg. Work; **The Other Fellow,** Emil Erickson, Am. Car Fdy. Co.



After the day's work at Lincoln Place Community House.



Future Citizens—Naturalization Class.



# Archie F. Boyd, Prop. of Boyd Plumbing & Heating Co.



ARCHIE F. BOYD  
Prop. of Boyd Plg. and  
Htg. Co.

Archie Boyd, the subject of this sketch, is one of the best known men of his line in the Tri-Cities. Although but a comparatively young man in years, Mr. Boyd is one of the pioneers here in the plumbing, heating and electrical business, having opened up in business at 1836 State street on Labor Day, 1906. He then moved across the street to the present location of the Western Union Telegraph Company and remained there 11 years and then had the fire which caused him to locate in smaller quarters for a time at 1918 State street. From there he has moved to his present location in the Morriss building on 19th street.

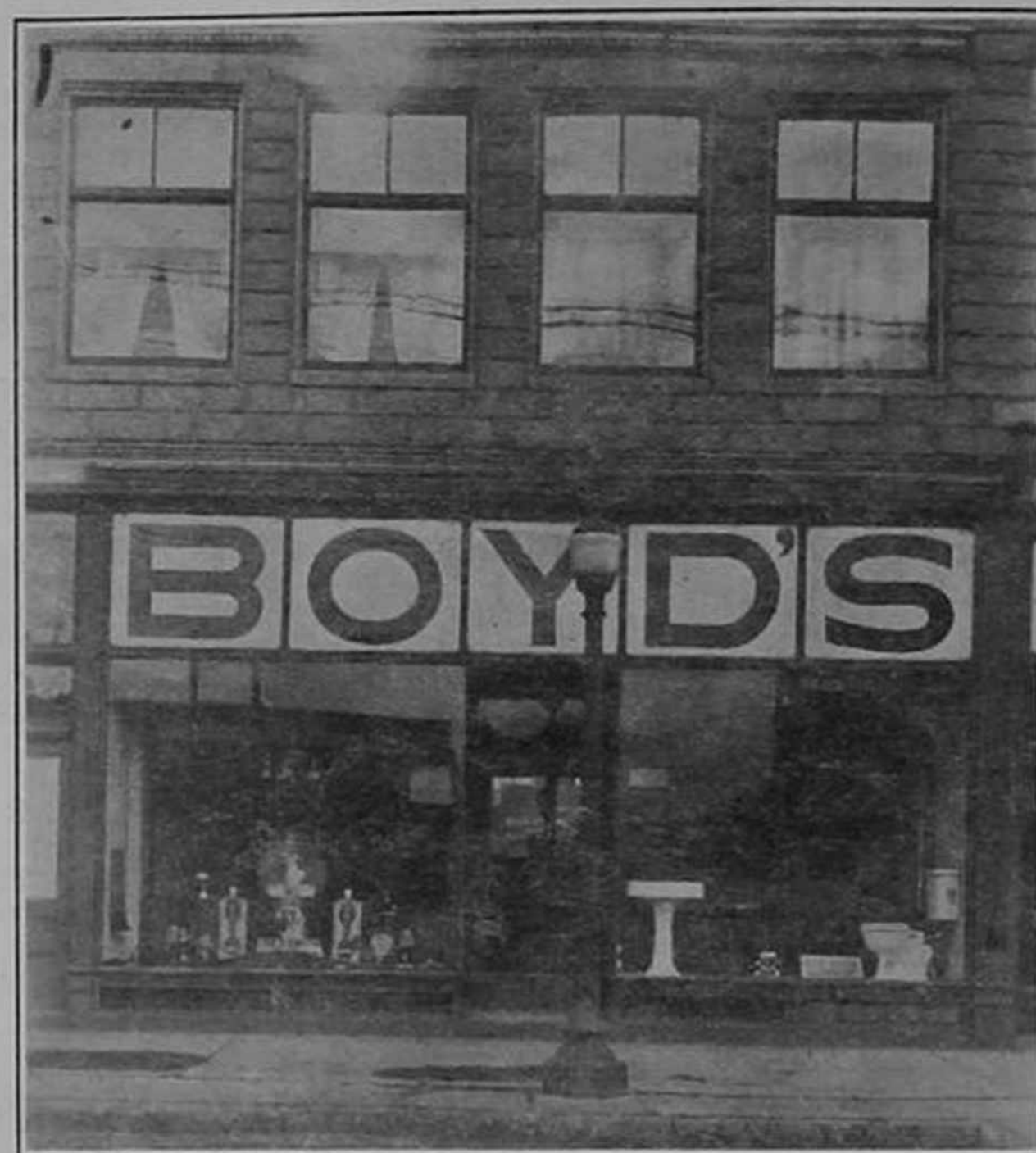
The new quarters as can be seen from the picture of the Boyd establishment, is in keeping with the other progressive business places on 19th street, and is a credit to a town of this size, having a very pleasing display room showing several fully equipped bath rooms, quite a number of the newest models of kitchen sinks and a complete line of electric appliances and chandeliers.

The force of skilled mechanics employed in Boyd's establishment are all citizens of our city and we must admit Boyd's policy is the theory that a satisfied customer is a booster and his employees also carry out his theory as they are all like partners in the business, and this has contributed to the success of the business.

In the absence of Mr. Boyd, the establishment is presided over by Miss Dorothy Ranft, a very capable and efficient business woman, who has been with the firm since its beginning here.

Knowing how to take care of his ever-increasing volume of business in all lines, is just one of Mr. Boyd's many accomplishments. As a worker for civic improvements he ranks right along with other leaders and can always be depended upon to respond when a call is made for his services. He has been one of the leaders in the Boy Scout movement in the Tri-Cities, being president for three years since Scout work was introduced here, is a member of the Tri-City Council at the present time. His son, Archie, Jr., is an Eagle Scout and is at present assistant scout-master of a troop. Archie has the distinction of having won the gold medal during the war for having sold more Liberty Bonds than any other boy in the United States and was a member of the Jamboree Boy Scouts who made the trip to England, France and Belgium after the war.

Mr. Boyd has been Exalted Ruler of the Elks of Granite City for two terms, is also a member of the newly organized Rotary Club. He is one of Granite City's greatest boosters for the development of Granite City and is betting that the population will double in the next ten years—and is increasing his business facilities to take care of the increase in business that is bound to come.



C. OZIER  
Secretary and Treasurer



J. F. SMITH  
Manager of Distribution



A. B. LEHMANN  
Asst. Mgr.  
Mgr. of Production



J. E. KIRCHER  
President and Manager

## AN INDUSTRY THAT PRODUCES THE BACKBONE OF PROGRESS

In the days of George Washington when the art of diastatics was scarcely known or thought of, the most delicious and healthful food that we have today was considered a treat of faddish fancy. As the progress of the nation and cities developed, this food, then considered a fad also grew in popularity and demand, and with the increase of scientific knowledge and research work along the line of foods and their value in the daily diet, this so-called treat during the world war was investigated by our Government as to its food value and proclaimed to be a most necessary and health building food of the highest kind.

Mr. Kircher, of Granite City, previously of E. St. Louis saw the importance of this food in our American diet, and launched his career in the direction of making ice cream for the fast growing town of Granite City and the surrounding territory in the year of nineteen-ten, with the one thought in mind of bringing the quality and service of the products of his company to a no less standard than 100%—which we think it attains today, in as much that nothing has been spared and the ingredients used are of the best that are produced, the machinery the latest and most up-to-date to insure purity and quality.

The result is, a large modern daylight factory right here in Granite City, that turns out this most delicious, healthful and nationally enjoyed dish and can be had to serve on your table in twenty minutes time by just calling one of our dealers nearest your home or the plant direct.



# Granite City Ice Cream Company

16th and Madison Avenue

A FOOD NOT A FAD

Granite City, Illinois



(Y. M. C. A. Continued.)  
Junior Division, boys under 14 years of age. Teams and managers—18th St. Stars, winners, John Ropac; Browns Juniors, Clifford Gaylord; West Granite, Rufus Conreaux; Lincoln Place, Boris Mitseff; East Granite, H. Sherley; Mellon's Midgets, J. H. Mellon.

Opening of Evening Classes, October 8th, Season 1923-24.

ANNUAL DINNER "Y" BASE-BALL LEAGUES, October 12. Attendance 75. First Division: Winners, Kreolite Juniors; 2nd place, East Granite. Second Division: Winners, 18th St. Stars; 2nd place Browns Juniors; 3rd place, West Granite. J. E. Corrie, president; Pando Kostoff, manager.

HI-Y CLUB ORGANIZED at Community High School, October 18. Object: To Promote Clean Speech, Clean Scholarship, Clean Living, Clean Athletics. Officers: Pando Kostoff, president; Walter Kleffman, vice president; Wm. Mehl, secretary-treasurer.

DR. WM. A. McKEEVER, Social Worker and Author, November 8. Addresses at Central Grade School, Community High School, Commercial Club. Theme: "Mak-

ing Granite City a Better Place in Which to Live."

OLDER BOYS CONFERENCE, MT. VERNON, ILL., November 30 to December 2, 1923. 337 delegates, representing 35 towns, 21 speakers; 224 forward-step decisions. Delegates from Granite City included Wm. Mehl, Joe Heyer, Glenn Graham, Marvin Barnes, Amos Baldrige, Andy Rozoff, Floyd Mitchell, Harry Krusz, Irwin Raut, leader.

#### FINANCIAL REPORT

Current Budget—	
Jan. 1, 1923 bal on hand	\$ 1154.04
Receipts	6637.97
Total Receipts	\$ 7792.01
Disbursements	6407.97
Dec. 31, 1923 bal on hand	\$ 1384.04
Building Fund—	
Jan. 1, 1923, bal on hand	\$13,416.43
Interest	566.00
Dec. 1, 1923, bal on hand	\$13,982.43
Respectfully submitted,	
IRWIN RAUT, Sec'y.	



## Activities of THE BOY SCOUTS in Granite City and Im- mediate Vicinity

—W. R. WEBB, Scout Executive.

In May, 1917, the first troop of Boy Scouts was organized and registered in Granite City, with W. R. Webb, as scoutmaster, and W. C. Graham as assistant. Archie F. Boyd, Sr., R. C. Barney and Geo. T. Chappee were the troop committeemen and all of the above officials have served in their respective positions from May, 1917, up to the present date and are all veterans now in the organization. The troop's first original registration was 23 boys and in a short time its membership reached 84 and during the World War it added many laurels for Granite City, some of the following which are to be noted: In the Second Liberty Loan it scored the highest of any troop in Illinois, in the selling of Liberty Bonds and was awarded a handsome Silk Flag for its efforts by President Woodrow Wilson. In the Third Liberty Loan it scored first place in the United States in the selling of Liberty Bonds. One of the scouts, Archie Boyd, Jr., won the Livingston Gold Medal and four other medals were also presented to other scouts for splendid service. At this time President Wilson presented the troop with a Gold Medallion for its splendid service. During the war he presented five of these in the United States and territories, one of them coming to Granite City.

Of the old troop, which was originally registered in 1917, there are 27 of the original members now enrolled, who are now veteran scouts, ranking from first class to that of eagle scout. Nine of them at the present time being eagle scouts. It is now known as Headquarters Troop of the Council and is furnishing a number of splendid scoutmasters and assistants who are giving leadership to various troops of the Council, which proves the worth of the Boy Scout training in leadership.

In January, 1920, some of the prominent citizens that were interested in the Boy Scout work, saw the need of council organization and a second class council was established and chartered at that time with Archie F. Boyd as its president. Mr. Boyd, during that year in the month of March attended the national meeting on Boy Scout work in New York and while there learned of the advantages of a first class council and upon his return home he presented these advantages to the members of this council, who immediately took steps to organize a first class council. Under his competent leadership a first class council was organized, established and chartered on June 1, 1920 and called W. R. Webb, who was engaged in school work in Granite City, as the first scout executive and who is now serving the fourth year in that capacity. Mr. Boyd served very capably and efficiently as president of the council during 1920 and 1921.

George E. Coudy was elected president in 1922 and has served continuously in that capacity up to the present time. Mr. Coudy is an enthusiastic Boy Scout worker and has shown whole-hearted interest in the work during his administration.

We also wish to call attention to Ben Schermer, as one of the pioneers of the Boy Scout movement, who has served as its financial secretary for the past four years. Mr. Schermer has been very successful in that capacity and it will also be remembered that he sponsored and served the first father-and-son scout banquet held in Granite City.

Edmund Hall, who now resides in Decatur, Ill., was the first chairman of the Court of Honor, and served in that capacity in a capable and efficient manner during the years of 1920, 1921 and 1922. Upon Mr. Hall's removal to Decatur, Judge M. R. Sullivan was selected to succeed him on

January 1, 1923 and is still serving the council in the efficient and capable manner that Judge Sullivan is so well qualified in doing.

We also wish to call attention to Ed Johnson, who has been a member of the Court of Honor since 1917 and who is an untiring worker, a man whom every boy in the council loves and who has put his whole heart in the Boy Scout movement.

In 1920, shortly after the council was organized Madison and Venice were affiliated and scouting took on new life in these cities and has done a great deal to improve the boy life in these districts. At this time, Henry Connole was called to service as the scoutmaster of Troop 1 in that district, and in the same year was appointed scout commissioner of the council. Mr. Connole has kept the scout work in that district up to a high standard and has been an untiring worker, giving the movement an unlimited amount of his valuable time.

In the Venice district, W. J. Baxter took up the work as scoutmaster in 1922 and under his capable and efficient leadership scouting has grown very rapidly and much credit is due Mr. Baxter for the excellent scout program that is now being put over in the Venice district.

On January 1, 1922, Edwardsville was affiliated with the council and under the splendid leadership of Jasper B. Johnson of that city, the work has grown and now is a big part of the boy work in that community.

Besides service in leading boys we wish also to call attention to the men on our finance committee who have made it their business to see that the Boy Scout movement did not lack in finance in promoting its program. This committee has served in a very efficient and capable manner and is composed of the following men: Wm. Champion, general chairman; Ben Schermer, chairman of the Granite City district; Hon. F. A. Garesche, of the Madison district; W. J. Baxter, of the Venice district, and F. H. Blackmore, of the Edwardsville district.

The summer camp is the flower of the Boy Scout work and the Tri-City Council has one of the most beautiful camps in the United States. Camp Rankin is located on Stout's Creek in the heart of the Ozark Mountains, five miles east of Ironton, Mo. Within the grounds, which comprises some 20 acres, are cool groves of splendid forest trees, broad green lawns and athletic fields. The scouts may, without leaving the grounds, find everything that can be wished for in the way of outdoor activities. Beautiful Lake Killarney and its wonderful shaded lane leading to it. The camp is supplied with excellent water from a good, cold well, located on the camp grounds. It is named after Mr. and Mrs. E. O. Rankin of Roselle, Mo., who were instru-

reached by the Missouri-Pacific. It is well equipped with a large mess hall, canteen building with a possibility, for the coming camping season of 12 or 15 cabins be-



Scout Executive  
W. R. WEBB

ing erected for the comfort of the boys. In health and sanitation it ranks among the best, and in all it is one of the best equipped camps in the United States.

Since the council was organized in 1920 it has now grown until its organization includes over 1,000 active men and boys in the work. The following gives a brief sketch of the organization as it is today:

#### THE ORGANIZATION

Council Members	86
Troop Committeemen	100
Court of Honor	14
Examining Board	50
Scoutmasters and Assistants	53
Deputy Commissioners	7
Mothers' Auxiliaries, Members	65
Boy Scouts	644

Total Membership, 1019  
The troop roster including number of troop, scoutmaster and meeting place, follows:

#### GRANITE CITY

- 1—W. R. Webb; Scout Headquarters.
- 2—Arthur Roseman; Webster School.
- 3—Paul Roseman; Emerson School.
- 4—Theo. J. Miller; Washington School.
- 5—J. E. Corrie; Emerson School.
- 6—Owen Townsend; Emerson School.
- 7—Henry J. King; St. Joseph's School.
- 8—Floyd T. Mitchell; Presbyterian Church.
- 9—Milton R. Allen; Lincoln Community House.
- 10—Elbert Smith; Niedringhaus M. E. Church.
- 11—Fred Gilleland; McKinley
- 12—Lewis L. Lindley; Christian Church.
- 13—Ray T. Wilber; Commonwealth Steel Co.
- 14—Otto Thomas; Baptist Church.
- 15—Sidney J. West; Elks Club.

#### MADISON

- 1—Henry Connole; High School.
- 2—L. A. Winsor; High School.
- 3—E. C. Long; Blair School.
- 4—George Lewis; Dunbar School.
- 5—Marion Hammack; Louis Baer School.

#### VENICE

- 1—W. J. Baxter; High School.
- 2—Wm. Ohlendorf; High School.

#### EDWARDSVILLE

- 1—D. D. Starkey; Presbyterian Church.
- 2—Jasper B. Johnson; Methodist Church.
- 3—M. D. Powell; Leclair School.

The objectives of the Boy Scout movement is to build character and train boys to become the citizens they should be. The organization now in our community is well established and is the largest civic organization of its kind in our community and one that we can well feel proud of.



BEN SCHERMER

mental in locating the site and have been a father and mother to the boys and care for the camp as though it was their very own. The camp can be reached by automobile from Ironton or Arcadia, Mo., and these places are



Busy boys don't get into trouble—Vacation Bible School, "Behind the Mill"



Preparing for better jobs at night—Community High Evening School



Patriotic celebration at Central Grade School.



Making good use of time usually wasted—Vacation Bible School, West Granite.





NATHAN FLEISHMAN

## *Established 1903* **FLEISHMAN'S QUALITY CORNER, 19TH AND D STREETS**

Nathan Fleishman, proprietor and owner of Fleishman's Quality Corner, first started in business in Granite City in 1903, when he and A. Levanthal established the Good Luck Store at 19th and E streets. In 1912 Mr. Fleishman purchased the interests of his partner and carried on the business under his own name.

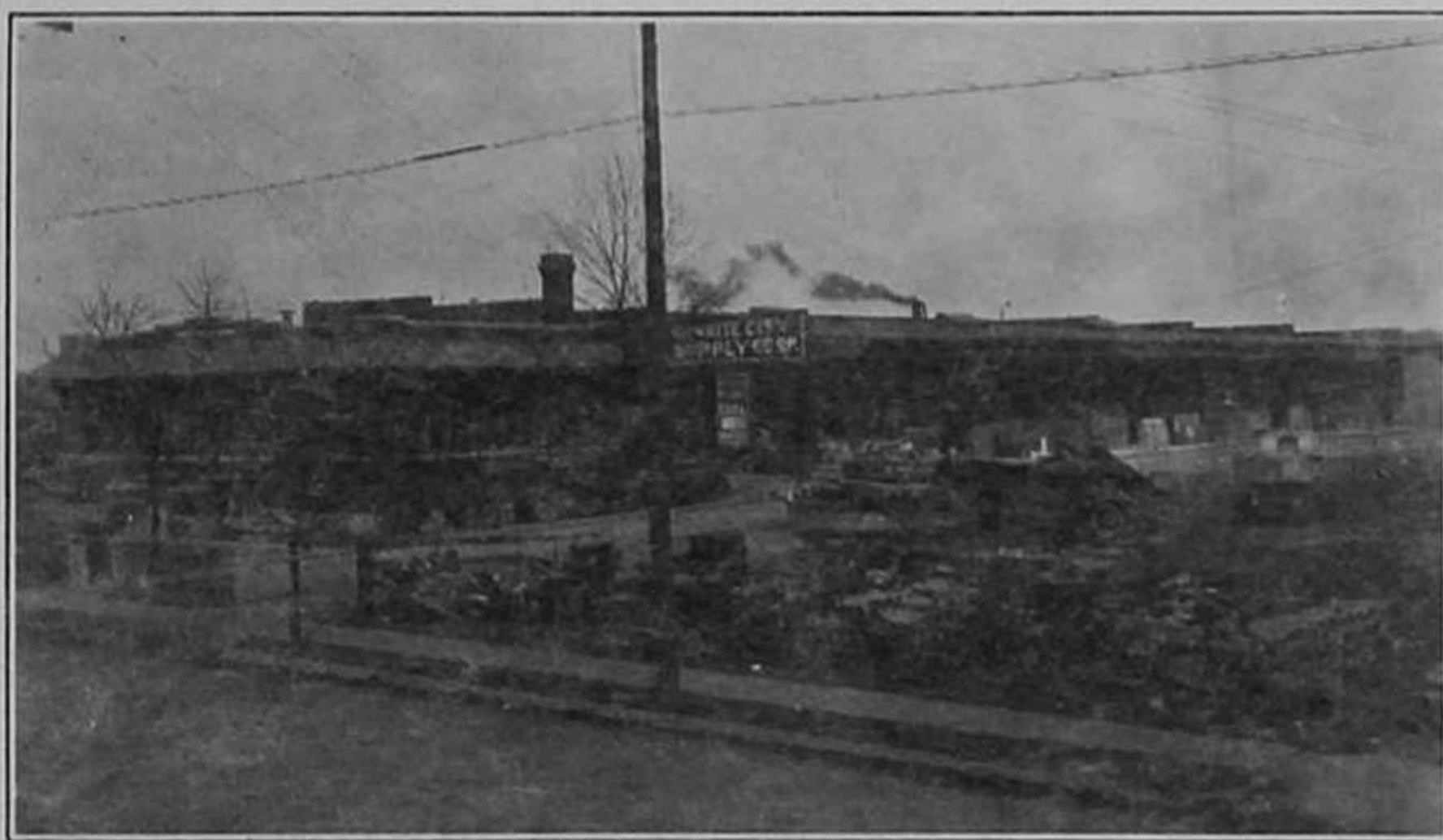
When the Granite City National Bank built on Niedringhaus ave., Mr. Fleishman purchased the former quarters at 19th and D streets, which he has remodeled

into one of the finest men's clothing and furnishing stores in Southern Illinois, carrying only the best of national advertised merchandise and having a personnel of pleasing young men who know so well how to best take care of the ever-increasing number of patrons of the Quality Corner.

The Quality Corner is the home of Hart, Schaffner & Marx Clothes, Manhattan Shirts, Bostonian Shoes, Mallory Hats, Interwoven Hose, Cheney Silks, and other quality merchandise.

Aside from his business at the Quality Corner, Mr. Fleishman takes an active part in civic and fraternal affairs, being a member of the Nineteenth Street Improvement Association, Commercial Club, and Rotary Club; director of the Granite City Trust and Savings Bank, and also of the Granite City Building and Loan Association; is a member of the Masonic Lodge, Eastern Star, Elks and other orders.

Such a man at the head of the aggressive aggregation of salesmen he has, shows why the spirit of progress dwells at the QUALITY CORNER, 19th and D streets.



The Granite City Supply Corporation, one of the local coal and building supply houses that is rapidly forging to the front since the reorganization of the firm, is composed of the following members: Wm. J. G. Buenger, Louis Buenger and John Ibbotson. Their office and warehouses are located at 20th and Railroad tracks.

The business was first established away back in 1903, under the name of the Granite City Lime and Cement Company. A disastrous fire in 1913 destroyed the office and warehouse of the company and shortly afterwards the present modern buildings were erected.

A change in the organization of the original company followed a few years later and in 1921 the present corporation was formed, L. B. and J. I. being the only members of the old firm to remain under the new organization.

Right from the start the new corporation has made good.



LOUIS BUENGER



WM. J. G. BUENGER



JOHN IBBOTSON

Louis Buenger, the manager, while a man young in years, has excellent judgment.

The Granite City Supply Corporation supplies much of the material that goes into the construction of the streets and sidewalks of Granite City and they do a general dealing in gravel, sand, cement, tile, brick and builder's supplies, also coal and mineral water.

The firm holds membership in the Granite City Commercial Club, in which organization both John Ibbotson and Louis Buenger are quite active. Both of these members of the firm are also active in the Granite City Elks and Louis Buenger is a member of the newly organized Granite City Rotary Club, holding the office of treasurer.

All told, the Granite City Supply Corporation stands up around the head of the list of progressive firms of Granite City and the members of the firm are just as active in civic work as they are in a business way, all of which means, a bigger and better Granite City.

## **Granite City Supply Corporation**

**Building Material, Coal, Warehouseing**

Bell 102, Kinloch 102

"WE DELIVER THE GOODS"

20th and R. R. Tracks



**C**AMP RANKIN is in the heart of the Ozarks near Ironton, Mo. If a Boy Scout has already had the good fortune to spend a never-to-be-forgotten season at Camp Rankin, you will be able to send him nowhere else.

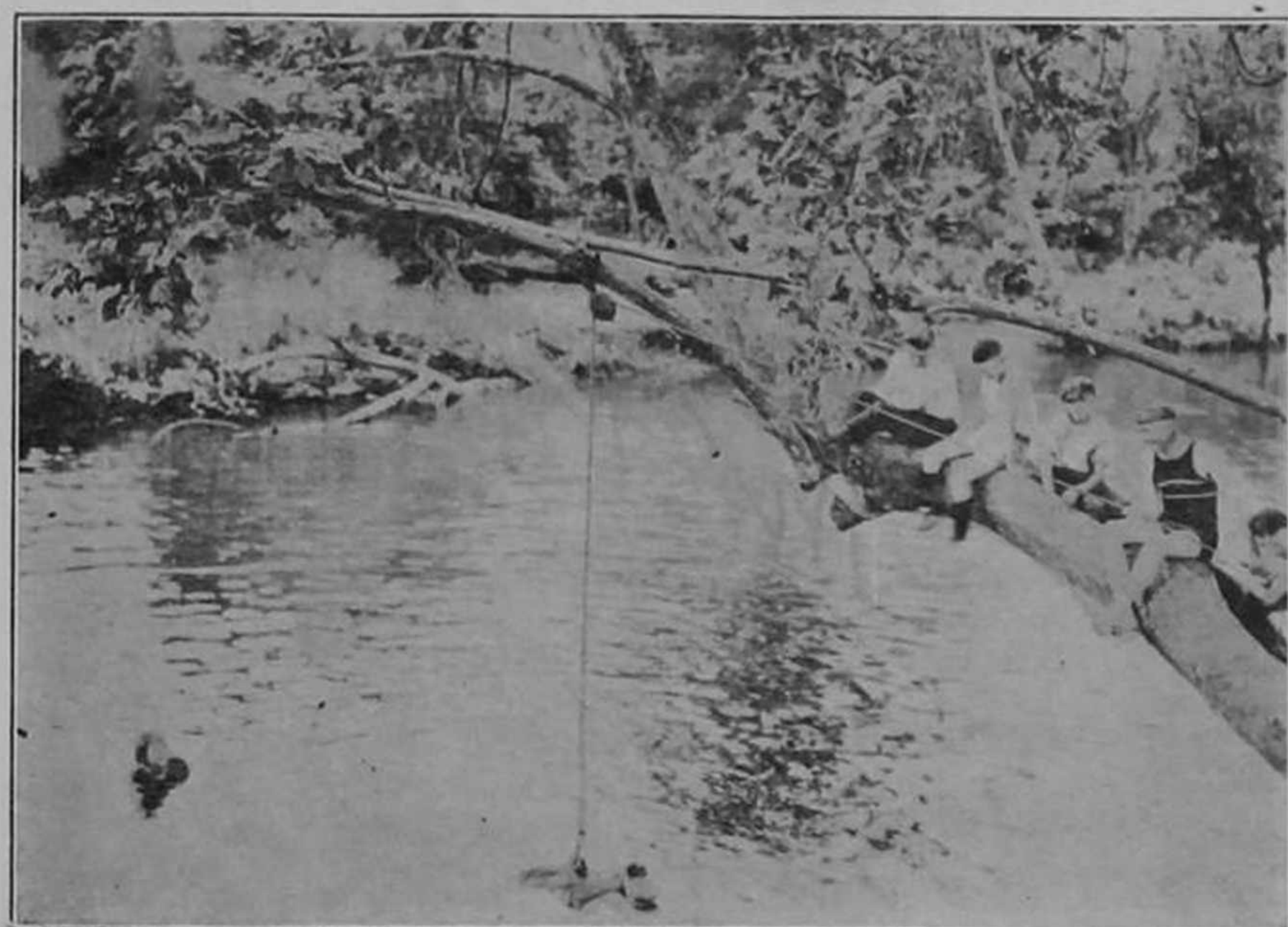
Swimming, hiking, boating, fishing, nature study, physical development and all the different classes of Scout work will be available for him.

Exercise in the open, not only cures disease but prevents it, and builds strong, manly boys with keen intellects and bright eyes; boys of character and worth.

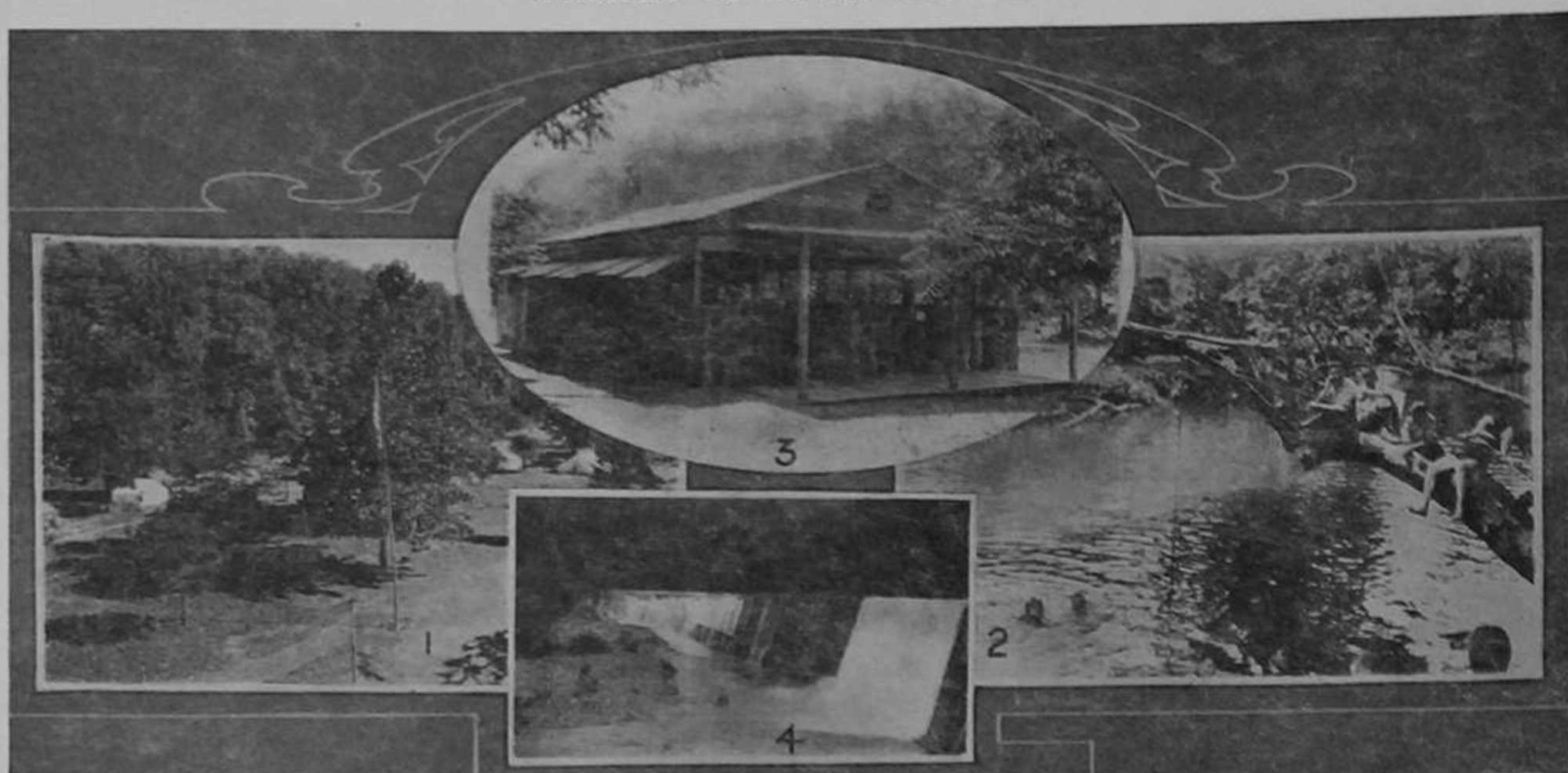
"One of the best things in the world to be is a boy." It requires no experience, though it requires some practice to be a good one. The camp is the finest place in the world for practice of this sort. A fellow kind of gets the habit there, and takes the habit back home with him. I never yet have seen a boy who did not like that kind of practice. It has been demonstrated hundreds of times and unless a boy is hopelessly deficient, he cannot fail to grow morally, mentally, and physically, under the stimulus.

Character building is the direct aim of the management at Camp Rankin. The leaders will be fine types of young men with high ideals, carefully selected with a view to their qualities of character and leadership. They will be the type of men that boys admire and who fulfill the boy's ideal of stalwart manhood.

These leaders play games, swim, tramp and study nature with the boys, rather as big brothers than as instructors. They enthrall the boys and gain their confidence and affection to a far greater degree than is possible for the day school teacher. They are in camp because they love camp and because they love association with boys.



## SCENES OF CAMP RANKIN



A FEW SCENES FROM THE SUMMER CAMP AT IRLTON, MO.

1. View of camp from Signal Tower. 2. Swimming instruction, and Rainbow Dam, Lake Killarney, one-fourth mile from camp.
3. Exterior view of Mess Hall which seats 90 boys. 4. Waterfall

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Description of camp and outline of camp life and activities:

Scout Work—Instruction and examinations are given in all branches of Scout work including Merit Badge work and Scouts are given every opportunity to advance in their work. Special attention is given to outdoor and all nature subjects.

Swimming—We have an excellent natural swimming pool with a graduated depth from one foot to seven feet. The water is always running clear and clean. No Scout is permitted to go in swimming except at regular swimming periods, at which time competent instructors and guards are in charge. Advanced swimmers are taught life saving, diving and fancy swimming.

Hikes—Several places of interest are within hiking distance of our camp, namely: St. Francis River, Old Government Rifle Range, Castle Killarney, The Shut-Ins, Artists Studio at Tipperary Springs, Fort Davis, Pilot Knob and Sheppard Mountain, famous in Civil War history, and nature study hikes through the beautiful scenic mountains. Hikes are conducted to these points of interest during each camp period.

Health and Sanitation—The camp is located on a gentle slope between two mountains

on the bank of Stout's Creek which is about ten feet above creek level. Camp stands high and dry and the soil is of gravel composition and water runs away immediately after a rain. Pure mountain spring water is available everywhere. A well-stocked first aid kit is kept in camp and scratches and minor ills are given treatment. Doctor at Ironton is subject to call if needed.

Athletics—The regular daily program includes setting-up exercises and regular game periods when baseball, tennis, volley ball and various games and contests are held.

Camp Fires—Camp fires are held each evening at which time group singing, story telling, stunt shows and similar amusements, are held.

Meals—A good cook and a capable assistant will be in charge of our kitchen again where plentiful, wholesome food is always served and a well balanced menu is provided.

Canteen—A canteen is operated where the Scouts may purchase stamps, stationery, chocolate bars, popcorn and chewing gum. They are restricted as to their purchase of candy so as to avoid against possible sickness from too much sweets. Articles are sold as near cost as possible.

Plan to let your boy spend at least two weeks with his troop this season and it will be one of the best investments you ever made. He gets a training that he can not get elsewhere.



# AMERICAN LEGION

## TRI-CITY POST

NUMBER 113



When war was declared in 1917 900 boys from this community answered their country's call. This community was very fortunate in that only a very small number of her boys did not return. Believing that a community that had sent that many men to the war should be proud of the fact and that no more fitting memorial could be found for those boys who gave their lives for their country, than an American Legion post, Tri-City Post No. 113, was organized in 1920 with a very small membership. It now has a membership of 100 in good standing and it is a live functioning organization that is financially sound.

Tri-City Post has dedicated a beautiful little park in Granite City to the memory of the boys from this community who did not return. It has also dedicated a bronze tablet at the Commonwealth Steel Company to the memory of the men from that Company who lost their lives.

This post has given every man from this community whose body was returned from France, a military funeral with full military honors, also all the members of this post who have died since the war.

Until Tri-City Post inaugurated it in 1920, there had never been a public demonstration of Memorial Day in this community. Now the post and citizens march to the cemetery on Memorial Day, where services are held and later the graves of the veterans of all wars are decorated.

Armistice Day is celebrated by Tri-City Post in a fitting manner, but because of industrial conditions, it is not always possible to have a parade.

When Illinois voted to give her soldiers adjusted compensation Tri-City Post took an active part in securing and distributing the blank application forms to all ex-service men regardless of whether they were members of the post or not. This post also secured the services of several lawyers and notary publics who filled out the blanks for the men without charge.

This post has been very active in helping men to get claims of all kinds against the government adjusted, when they were held up from any cause. Since the removal of the Red Cross Chapter from Granite City, Tri-City Post has taken care of a great deal of the Red Cross work pertaining to ex-service men.

Tri-City Post has always taken an active part in all community work whenever possible and expects to take a more active part as time goes on and the organization is perfected.

This post conducts an employment office where ex-service men out of employment are helped to get work. During the industrial depression in 1921 the employment officer of this post secured work for over 40 men.

The insurance officer is always glad to explain government insurance to any ex-service man who does not fully understand it.

The post has an Americanization committee whose duty it is to help in all Americanization programs in the community.

Taken as a whole Tri-City Post is very proud of its record and believes that it is an organization that is a credit to the community.

—By Chester W. Breckenridge.



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Commander



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Rev. C. D. Bowman is chaplain, and Burtis Black is sergeant-at-arms of the Tri-City Post.



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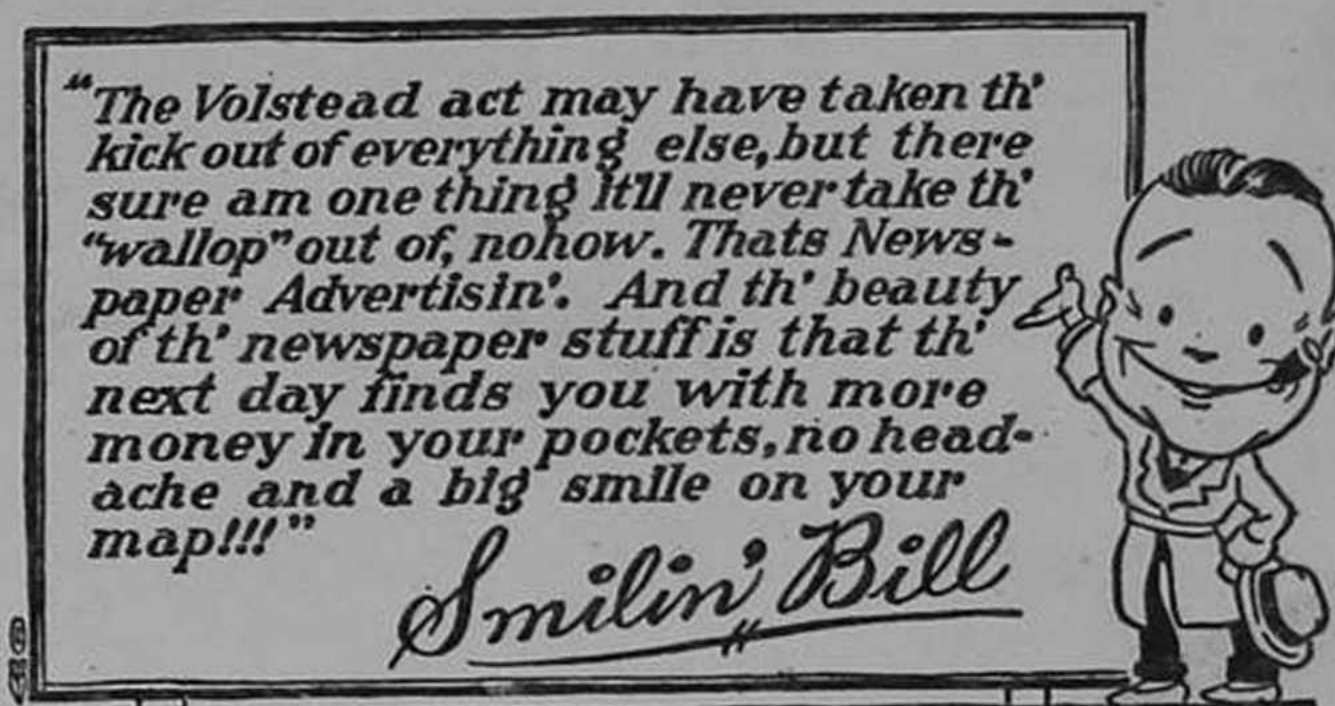
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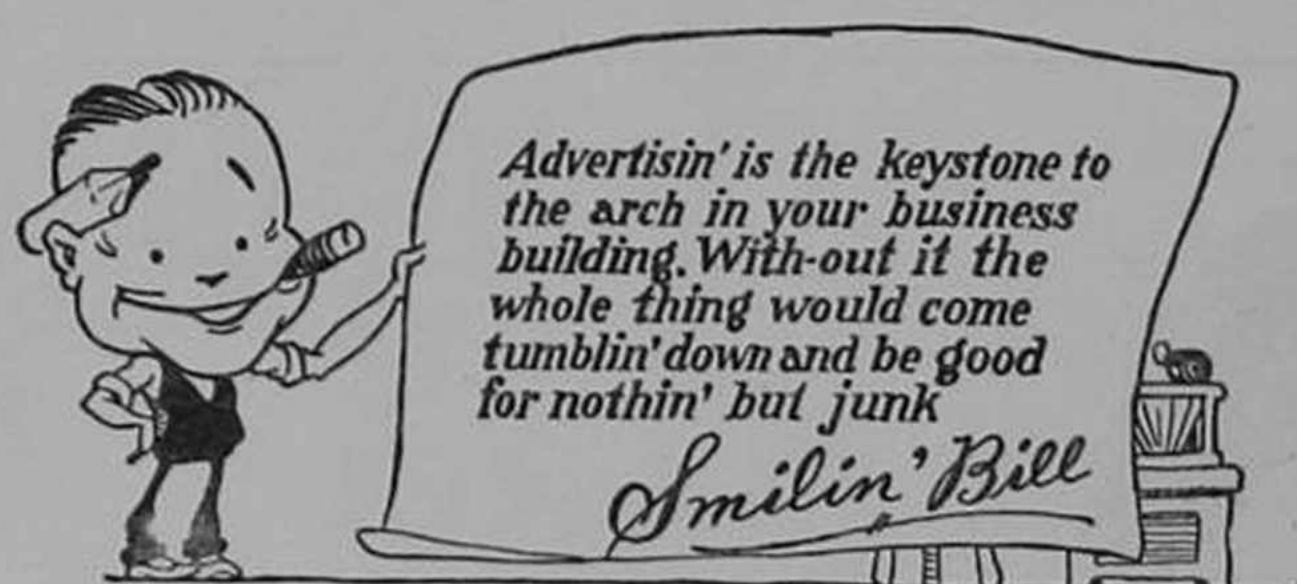
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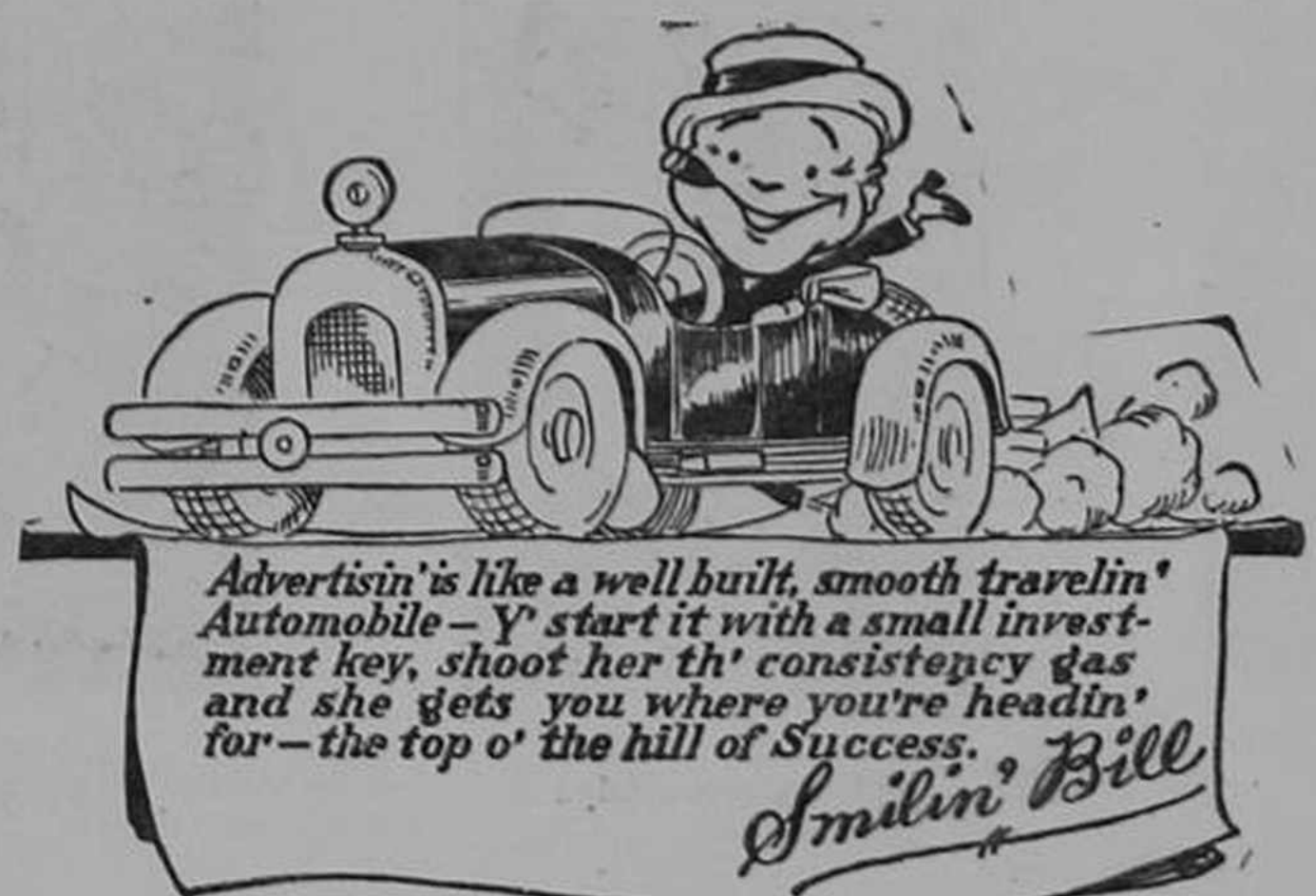
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# Press-Record Publishing Co.

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1832-34 D Street

Granite City, Illinois



# Granite City's Newspaper Row—Down on "D" Street



LEWIS L. LINDLEY  
Editor-Manager

The Press Record Publishing Company was incorporated under the laws of the State of Illinois in April 1917 with the following stockholders, Wm. J. Lynch, Elmer McNary, Charles A. Uzzell and John B. Judd, after having existed as a partnership concern for several years.

A short time after the incorporation of the company, Messrs Uzzell, Judd and Lynch disposed of their interests to Mr. McNary, and in 1920 he sold the Press Record and the connecting commercial printing business to the present owners, Harry Faulkner, Kate Faulkner, Lewis L. Lindley and Edith F. Lindley.

Mr. Lindley had been employed by the old company as editor and general manager and he has continued in the same capacity since becoming part owner of the business.



EDWIN F. BACKS  
Advertising Solicitor



A PART OF THE PRESS-RECORD "GANG"

Office Dept., Edwin Backs, Lewis L. Lindley, Leo Marx, John Vaught of the Madison Republic, Miss Dorothy Kuebler, Miss Lida Cotter, Miss Madeline Cotter, Miss Ethel Kuebler; Composing Dept., Jesse Wilson, George Hartung, Roy Farr, Robert Wilson, L. E. Hartung, Frank Henry; Press Dept., Roscoe Crosser, Adolph Jecmen and Norman Farr. The fifty newsboys were in school when this picture was taken.

Harry Faulkner, president of the Press Record Publishing Co., is a lawyer, with offices on Niedringhaus Avenue. Under the new ownership many changes have been made, every cent of the earnings of the newspaper and printing plant being put back into the business in order to give Granite City and vicinity a better newspaper.

Practically all of the old equipment has been scrapped during the past four years and the printing office is now a model of modern efficiency, being equipped with two linotypes, Miller saw trimmer and router, mat caster, three job printing presses, two of them equipped with Automatic feeders, an Optimus number five cylinder press, and a Duplex eight page newspaper press.



MISS LIDA COTTER

The new company has purchased the building the printing plant occupies and have made many improvements in it, one being the erection of an addition to the press room which runs clear to the alley line and takes care of the new equipment for that department.

The office has been remodeled and enlarged, a system of hot and cold water installed and sanitary steel lockers erected for the use of the employees of the composing and press rooms.

The newspaper will speak for itself. The circulation has increased from about 900 in 1916 to over 4,300 at the present time and the circulation is increasing each week. The size of the paper has been increased from four pages to eight and sixteen each issue, while

the scope of the news handled, now covers all of the homes news of the tri-cities and the important events and court happenings of the entire county.

Fiction, in both short story and serial form and special articles that are of interest, are some of the big features that are building up the paper.

The increase in circulation and the cut illustration service furnished advertisers, the Press Record office being subscribers to both the Bonnet Brown Sales Service and Meyer Both Service, has built up the greatest volume of advertising ever carried in a Tri-City newspaper.

The Press Record office now has all of the equipment necessary, with the exception of adding



HARRY FAULKNER  
Pres., Press-Record Pub. Co.

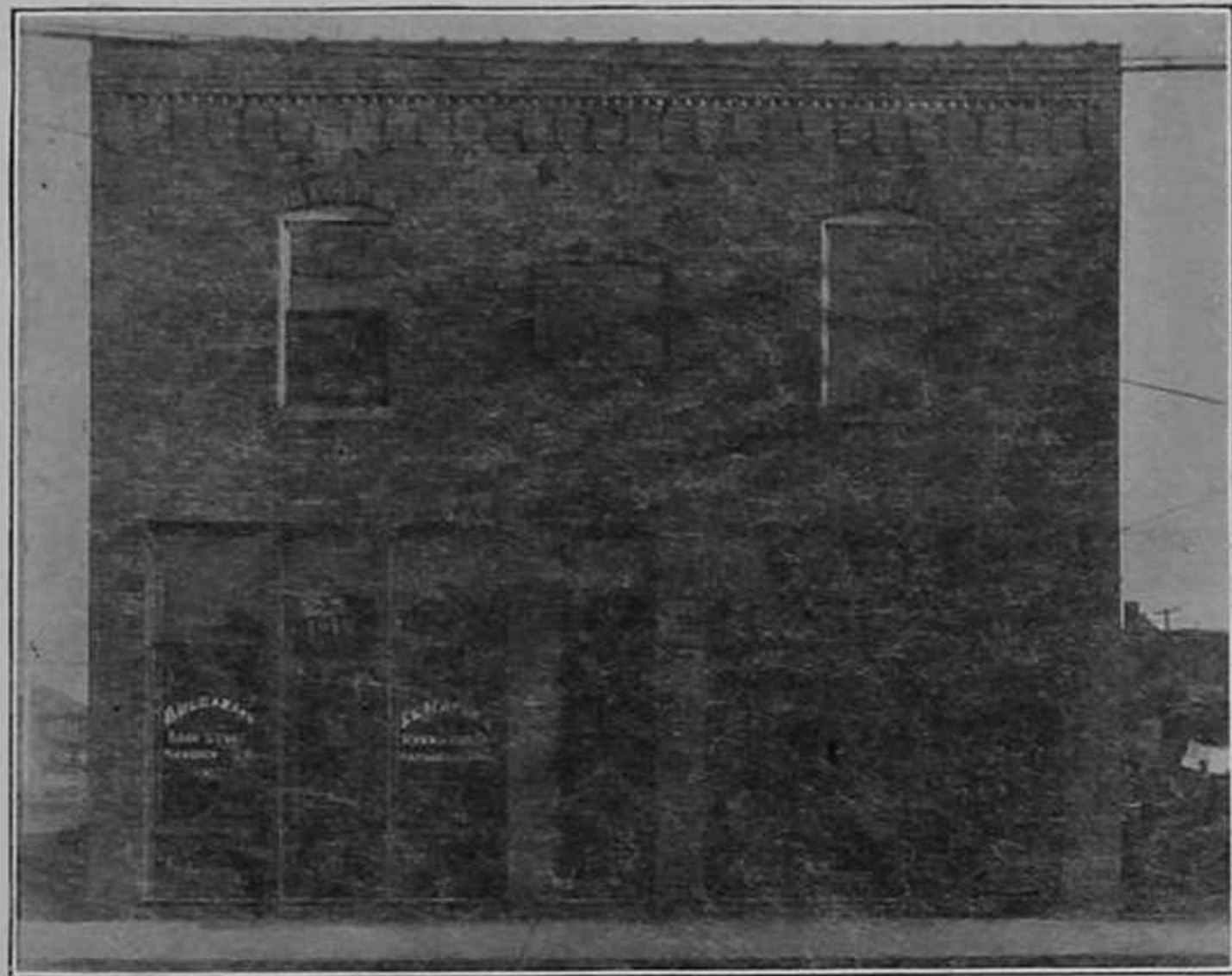
another linotype machine, for the issuance of a daily newspaper, a move which will be made whenever the local field becomes strong enough to give a daily paper the needed support.

In addition to Mr. Lindley, the editor, who writes Towne Topics and does other odd jobs around the office, the personnel of the office is as follows: Leo Marx, reporter; Edwin Backs, advertising solicitor; Miss Lida Cotter private secretary and stenographer; Miss Dorothy Kuebler, book keeper and cashier; Miss Maude Cotter and Miss Ethel Kuebler, file clerks and office assistants. Mrs. Blanche Walker and Miss Wille Fay handle the Granite City social news items; Mrs. Eva Dron is the Madison correspondent and Miss Alice Durer looks after the news from Venice.

An efficient force of printers under the direction of Louis (Bob) Hartung take care of the work in the composing room while the press room end of the job is under the care of Adolph Jecman. A force of about fifty newsboy take care of the distribution and street sales of the paper.



LEO MARX  
Reporter



GRANITE CITY HAS ONLY BULGARIAN DAILY NEWSPAPER PUBLISHED IN AMERICA

"Newspaper Row" in Granite City is augmented by The Narodn Glas, which, interpreted into English, means National Herald, and through the publication of this paper, Granite City bears the distinction of possessing the only Bulgarian daily newspaper published in America today. The publication is the property of the Narodn Glas Publishing Company, incorporated. Vasil Stephanoff is president and general manager, and Vasil Grammaticoff is secretary-treasurer.

The company owns a two-story building located at 1912-14 D street, Granite City, where, in addition to publishing the Narodn Glas, they have an up-to-date book store, featuring books, publications and literature printed in foreign languages. They have a good job department, and the plant is equipped with a Duplex press, linotypes and plenty of type and other equipment.

The Narodn Glas was established in 1907, and incorporated in 1915. It has a very large national circulation, and hundreds of copies are mailed daily to for-

eign countries. Locally, the newspaper fills a most important position, being of great value to local merchants in taking to the large numbers of Bulgarians in the Tri-Cities and elsewhere their advertising messages, and also in conveying to these people the editorial news of the day in their own language. It is printed entirely in Bulgarian, with the exception of display lines and ads and other copy which frequently is printed in the English language.

Both Mr. Stephanoff and Mr. Grammaticoff are active in the civic affairs of the community, being of especial value in development of a high standard of living, economical citizenship and education of foreign-born residents hereabouts. Each is a thoroughly educated, trained newspaper man and patriotic citizen of the United States, and interpretation of their editorials and news matter always develops a high sense of integrity and laudable enterprise upon their part.

Never flamboyant or inclined to radicalism, the Narodn Glas is,

## MERCHANTS!

Opportunity knocks  
on your  
door every day  
down on  
Newspaper Row.  
Advertise  
and build up your  
Business!

on the other hand, a publication that has won for itself and the publishers the praise of not only local leaders but national officers and business men and women, and has always been one of the progressive boosters for a bigger, better Granite City, of which it is an active, interested part, and which as such is enjoying a growth and recognition it deserves.

Credit for many of the scenes and pictures in this booklet is due to the Art Shoppe Studio, O. W. Lane, Prop., 19th and E Streets, Granite City, Ill.



THE GRANITE CITY POST

The Granite City Post, published on Monday and Thursday, is an independent Republican newspaper of Granite City, established in 1919, by J. W. Cassidy, who is editor and publisher. The paper is equipped to handle up-to-date job printing of all kinds in addition to the newspaper, and is rated as one of the progressive publications of Southern Illinois.

The paper first was located at 1835 D street, where its headquarters were until two years ago, when the present building was erected and occupied. The plant is located now at 1829 D street, in a building owned by the publisher, and which will in the near future be enlarged in order to facilitate the addition of new equipment and larger resources for work of all kinds.

Independent in its editorial policy, the Post has always adhered strictly to a policy of progressive enterprises for the city, and has readily and gladly recognized every movement that has to do with forward work and development, not only in Granite City but throughout the entire district and state.

The Post has a general circulation throughout the Tri-Cities and in the rural districts, covering the field for local advertisers exclusively, thus materially assisting in the concerted effort being made by Granite City merchants to forestall as much out of town trading as possible. It is liberally patronized, by local merchants, and its news columns have always been found interesting and replete with features both in the advertising and news columns. The Auto-caster and Adart advertising service is used extensively.

Members of the working force of the Post include J. L. Tempo foreman of the composing rooms; Harry W. Brante, pressman; Mrs. Stella Halbert, linotype operator; W. H. Chambers, compositor.

J. W. Cassidy, editor and publisher, is assisted in the business offices by C. N. Alleger, advertising manager and associate editor and Josephine E. Tucker, bookkeeper.

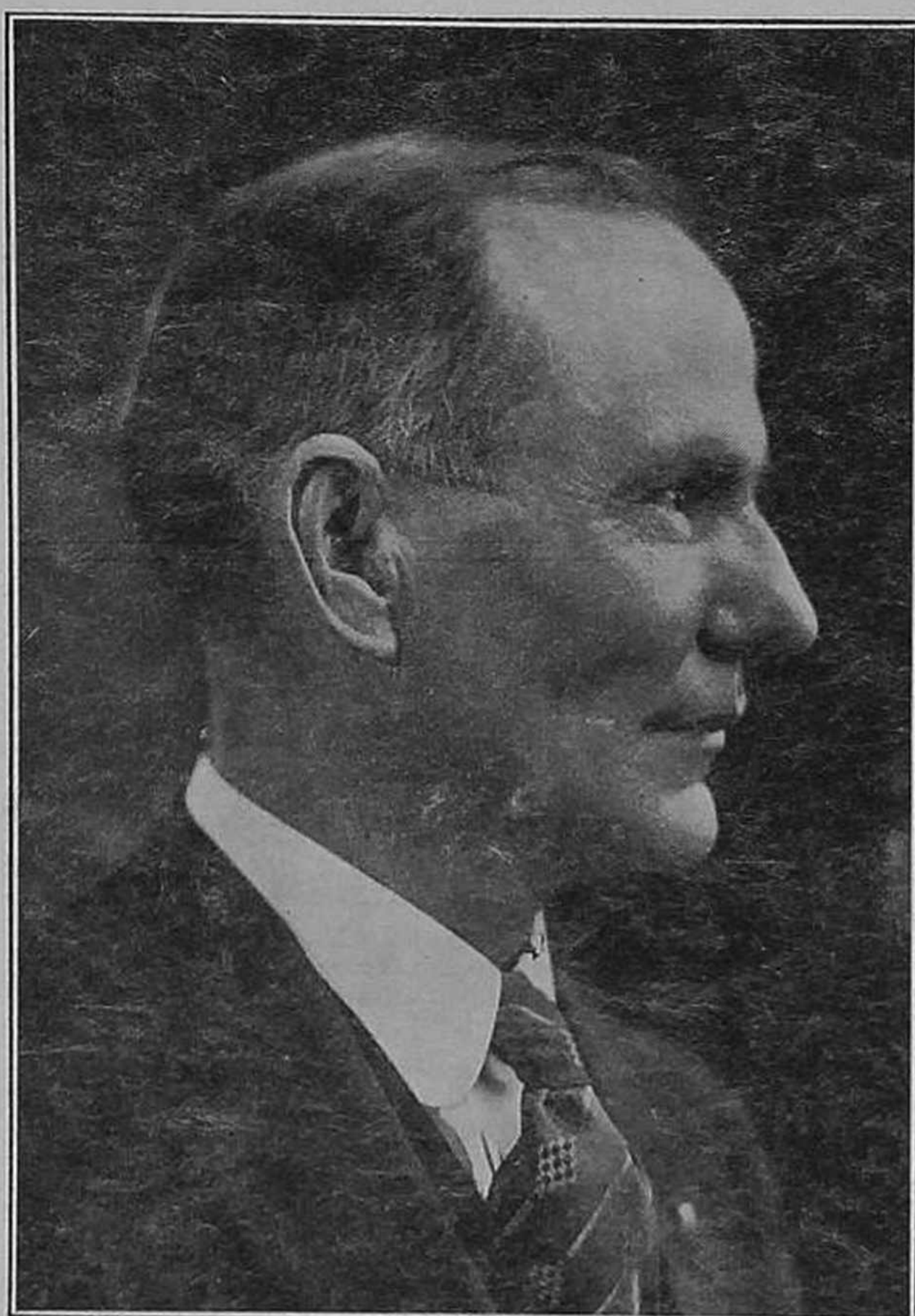
Eleven carrier boys distribute the Post in the tri-cities, and a large percentage of the papers are mailed to rural routes and surrounding cities.



An Organization of Men Who Are Doing Things to Build Up a Gre

# The Granite City

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The GRANITE CITY COMMERCIAL CLUB has a membership of two hundred! Here are a few of the many things the Commercial Club has sponsored and helped to bring about during the past few years—

*The Outlet Sewer                      Triangle Park  
Paving of Niedringhaus Ave.      Wilson Park  
Community High School  
More Industries and Homes*

## GRANITE CITY—

### GRANITE CITY GRANITE CITY

has a population, according to the latest school census, of over 26,000 PEOPLE.  
has fifteen industries employing 10,000 men, with a combined payroll of about \$18,000,000.

### GRANITE CITY

has seven grammar grade public schools, one Junior high school, a Community high school, and two parochial schools.

### GRANITE CITY

has fourteen churches.

### GRANITE CITY

has an up-to-date, modern hospital, and a maternity home.

### GRANITE CITY

has two parks, one small one at Niedringhaus and Madison Avenues, and the new 50-acre Wilson Park with its splendid big swimming pool and playgrounds out on the B Street road.

### GRANITE CITY

has a modern sewer system; a new outlet sewer has been completed within the past two years and laterals are under construction in various parts of the city.

### GRANITE CITY

has two electric lines, the Alton, Granite & St. Louis Traction Company, with connections to St. Louis, East St. Louis, Mitchell and Alton, and the Mc-Kinley - St. Louis bridge line with Interurban passenger and freight service over the state.



ater Granite City —

# Commercial Club

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- GRANITE CITY** is connected with all railroads entering St. Louis by the Terminal Railroad Association, and is on the direct line of the Wabash, C. & A., Big Four, Illinois Central, Frisco, Rock Island, Clover Leaf, Troy & Eastern and Burlington.
- GRANITE CITY** has three fine banks, fine up-to-date business houses, hundreds of splendid residences and one of the finest new theatres in Southern Illinois.
- GRANITE CITY** has a modern gas, water and electric service.
- GRANITE CITY** has miles and miles of fine concrete paved streets and granitoid sidewalks and the 1924 building program is very extensive along this line.
- GRANITE CITY** has an efficient fire department, with modern fire fighting equipment.
- GRANITE CITY** has a fearless and efficient police department.
- GRANITE CITY** needs homes, and business houses of certain lines would find this city to be an advantageous location.
- GRANITE CITY** has many advantages to offer manufacturers, home seekers, or investors of capital. A letter to the Granite City Commercial Club will bring you just the information you desire.



# The Nineteenth Street Improvement Ass'n



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**T**HE Nineteenth Street Improvement Association held its first meeting July 22, 1920. The first president was R. C. Barney. The following men made up its first staff of officers: Guy Tetherington, Secretary and Treasurer; Julius Rosenberg, Vice President; A. W. Morris, Jr., Nathan Fleishman and Jno. Molthrop, first Directors.

The following year Mr. N. Fleishman was elected president. During the year 1922 and 1923 Avery Carp was at the head of the organization and at the annual meeting last July, Mr. Harry Anderson was elected president for the ensuing year.

From a very small beginning the organization now has forty-six members or over 96% of the business or professional men located on Nineteenth Street.

The organization has been wide awake and very progressive being ever alert to better conditions in Granite City as a whole, and of course, especially active for the development of 19th street.

Among the things accomplished or instigated by the 19th St. Improvement Association, the following might be mentioned. The Great White Way built and maintained by the members of the Association, the Private Watchman Services for its members, the annual Hallowe'en Celebration which has become famous through this part of the State. Sponsors for the Great Merchants Gift Campaign which did more than any single factor in acquainting people with the advantages of shopping in Granite City.

The 19th Street Improvement Association is also accomplishing a great deal along the line of building up a better spirit of co-operation and feeling amongst both the business men and the patrons of the stores.

Better business houses, better ways of serving the public and a bigger and better Granite City in every way, can be summed up as the goal the 19th Street Association is striving for.



NATHAN FLEISHMANN  
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Director



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Director



## HOW COKE CAME TO GRANITE CITY.

A Story of The Development of The Coking of Illinois Coal and What It Means To This Industrial District.

(This article is composed of extracts from a speech by G. W. Niedringhaus of the National Enameling and Stamping Co., at a recent meeting of the Granite City Commercial Club.)

Coal is the shortest word we have to express industrial power and domestic comfort. There is no city in the world which has so much coal lying at its door as Granite City.



G. W. NIEDRINGHAUS  
President of the National Enameling and Stamping Company

Illinois coals have erroneously been considered "non-coking," due to the many fruitless attempts made to coke them; usually as a partial mixture with the so-called "coking" coals of the East and South, and, until the Roberts process was invented never coked successfully into a metallurgical product.

Mr. Arthur Roberts' experiments began some fifteen years ago, and he was ably assisted in his engineering work by Mr. M. W. Ditto, who has been associated with him for the past ten years. The installation at Granite City consists of 80 Roberts ovens, capable of handling 2000 tons of coal in 24 hours, with a Blast Furnace of approximately 500 tons capacity, completed early in January 1921. The first coke made was on January 8th of that year, and the ovens have been running continuously since that time.

Mr. Brassert, one of the foremost Blast Furnace engineers in the world and for many years associated with the U. S. Steel Corporation, designed the furnace at Granite City. He was very skeptical of the use of a metallurgical coke made out of Illinois coals, and in order to satisfy his firm we purchased a large tonnage of Connellsville coke made out of the low volatile coals of Pennsylvania for the initial starting of the Blast Furnace. As the Blast Furnace was not blown in until three weeks after the starting of the coke ovens, and further as the result obtained out of the Illinois coals in the Roberts ovens was so very satisfactory, Mr. Brassert and his engineers gave their consent to the using of the Roberts coke exclusively on the Blast Furnace. So not a pound of Connellsville coke ever has been used; in fact, no coke has ever been used on the Blast Furnace except that made in the Roberts ovens at the Granite City Plant.

We have made interesting records, not only in the short coking time, but also in the low consumption of coke per ton of Pig Iron on our Blast Furnace. As the

National Enameling & Stamping Company have been large users of the product of the Blast Furnace, I repeat a statement made to me by our superintendent, "that is the finest and best analysis in Pig Iron that the National has received in the past fifteen years."

The St. Louis & Granite Industrial District, now that the coking of the Illinois coals has been conclusively demonstrated, has greater natural advantages, with a greater abundance of raw materials at its doors than any similar situation for the development of iron and steel in the United States. We can draw all of our supplies for the making of Pig Iron from within a radius of 125 miles of St. Louis.

St. Louis was an iron center long before Pittsburgh began its development in this industry, and ores from the Iron Mountain mines in Missouri were transported by wagon for a distance of 48 miles to Ste. Genevieve on the Mississippi River and hauled by barge to Pittsburgh. If I remember correctly, James Gayley, mentioned by Mr. Carnegie in his memoirs, was originally in charge of the old Blast Furnace in South St. Louis. With the development of the beehive coking in coal near Pittsburgh, James Gayley was employed by Mr. Carnegie to assume charge of the small Blast Furnace

## CHEAPEST PLACE TO MAKE IRON.

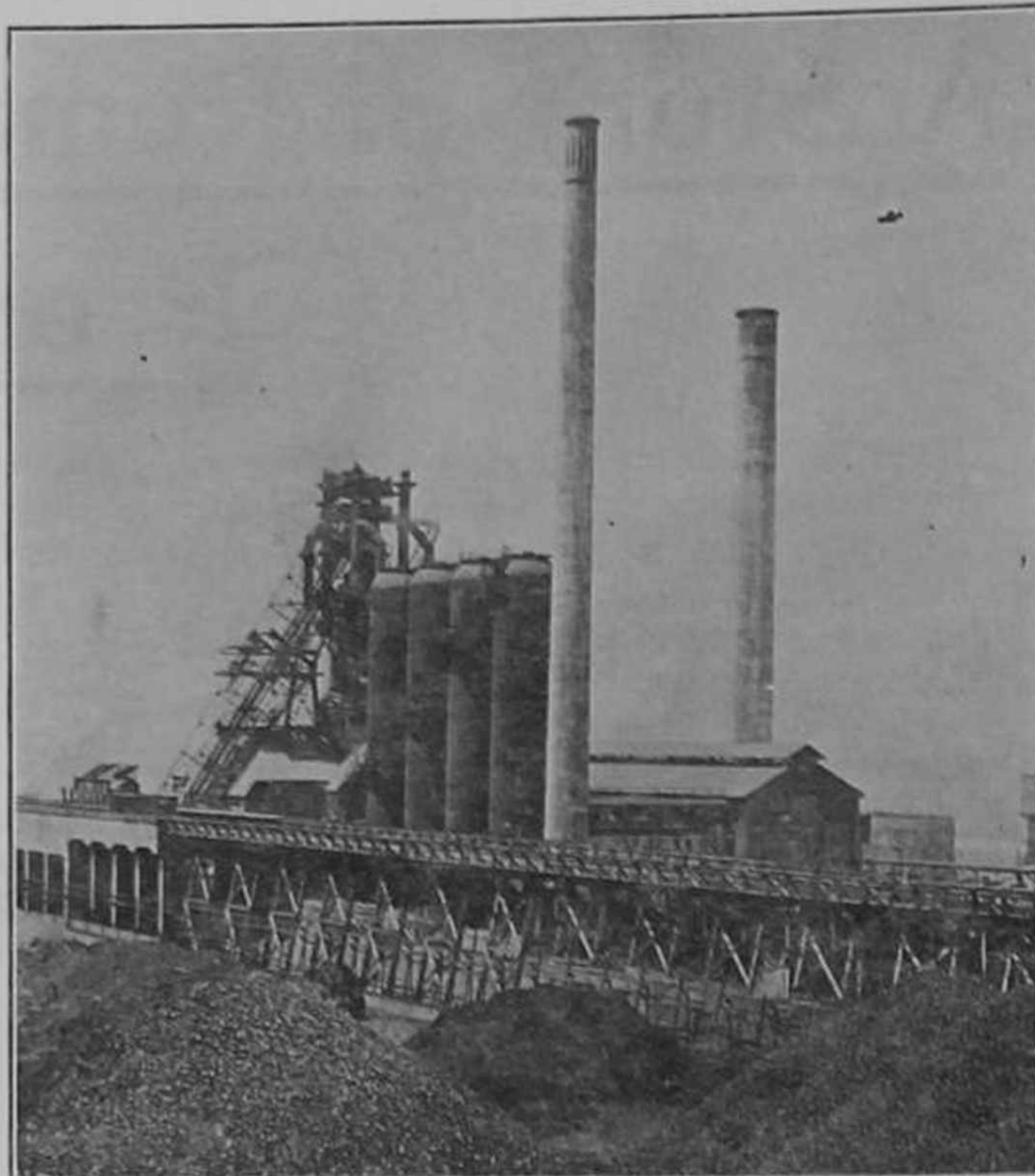
To assemble the five tons of material necessary to make a ton of iron costs, for freight alone, at—

Chicago (Gary) .....	\$8.89
Pittsburgh .....	8.59
GRANITE CITY—	
All Northern ore.....	7.84
20% Missouri ore.....	7.33
40% Missouri ore.....	5.82
32% less than Pittsburgh;	
35% less than Chicago.	

in the St. Louis development.

Illinois has millions of tons of coal—an inexhaustible supply. In the year 1920, 19 per cent of the coal mined in the U. S. was mined in the State of Illinois. The impression has prevailed that only 5 per cent of all the coal supply in the U. S., located largely in Pennsylvania, West Virginia, and a few of the Southern States, could be utilized in by-product ovens. The Roberts process has made it possible to coke over 45 per cent of the known available supply. It may interest you, also, to know that during the past years we have coked upward of 98 different grades of the Illinois coals.

The cost of transportation is another great advantage for the St. Louis Industrial District. Tak-



Blast furnace plant, capacity 500 tons every 24 hours.

decided to abandon their plants at Pittsburgh and Patterson, N. J., using this large new unit at Granite City for the Western trade.

According to Mr. Fletcher, their president, the freight saving in assembling a Santa Fe engine weighing 395,000 pounds at St. Louis was \$1,205 per engine, and,

purchase their engines in St. Louis and make delivery to destination entirely on their own tracks.

It is, also, interesting to learn that of a modern locomotive of the type built by the American Locomotive Company 85 per cent of the material such as plates, steel and brass castings, wheels,



Coke being pushed from an oven into hot car.

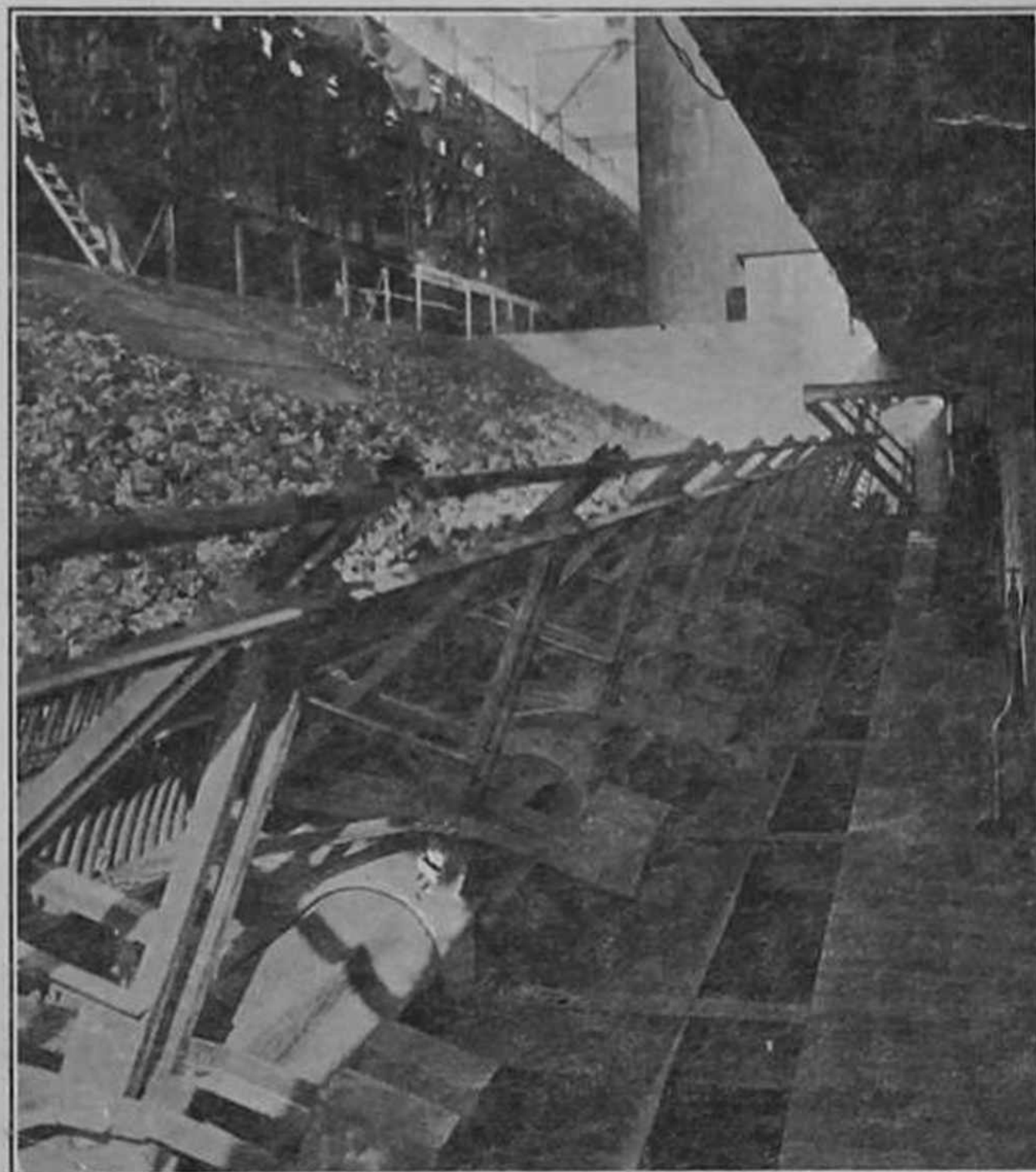
in the Pennsylvania city. Had the coking of Illinois coals been developed at that time, St. Louis today, would be one of the big steel centers of the country.

Mr. James J. Hill, that masterful man of the Northwest some thirty years ago told my father, while on a visit here, that St. Louis was the natural meeting place of the Northern ore and possibly the Illinois coals, when a method would be discovered and invented to coke these coals. However, he overlooked the possibility of Missouri ores, which I feel confident will play an important part

ing figures from the Iron Trade Review of July 1, 1922, they show that the freight charge on all the raw materials which go to make up a ton of pig iron in the Pittsburgh district amounts to \$8.59. This charge in 1913 was \$4.95. These charges do not take into consideration the labor in producing the raw materials, royalties, etc. The freight charge on assembling materials for a ton of pig iron in the St. Louis industrial district, using all Northern ores is \$7.84. The freight charge on the material for a ton of pig iron in the Chicago district, with all Northern ores, is \$8.89. Using as we are at the present time in Granite City, 20 per cent of Missouri ores and 80 per cent Northern ores, the charge is \$7.33, or if 50 per cent of Northern ores are used and 50 per cent Missouri ores, the freight charge will be \$5.82, so the advantage over Pittsburgh and also Chicago is very apparent.

A survey of the tonnage in pig iron consumed in this district during a normal year shows that it amounts to approximately 750,000 tons. Heretofore this pig iron was shipped largely from Birmingham, Ala., and the Chicago district. The development of the large steel foundries, and also steel plants here has been remarkable. I presume few realize that Granite City in normal times has a steel production of over 2,000 tons daily, which requires 800 to 1,000 tons of pig iron.

I will mention two industries that have recently decided to locate here, and credit is due to the development of the coking process at Granite City. The most important is the American Locomotive Company with plants located throughout the East at the present time. After an exhaustive investigation they decided to purchase 200 acres in Granite City within a short distance of the plant of the St. Louis Coke & Chemical Co., and have plans drawn to construct a plant at an approximate cost of \$15,000,000, with a capacity of finishing 150 locomotives a month. They have



Coke wharf where coke is fed to conveyors for screening.

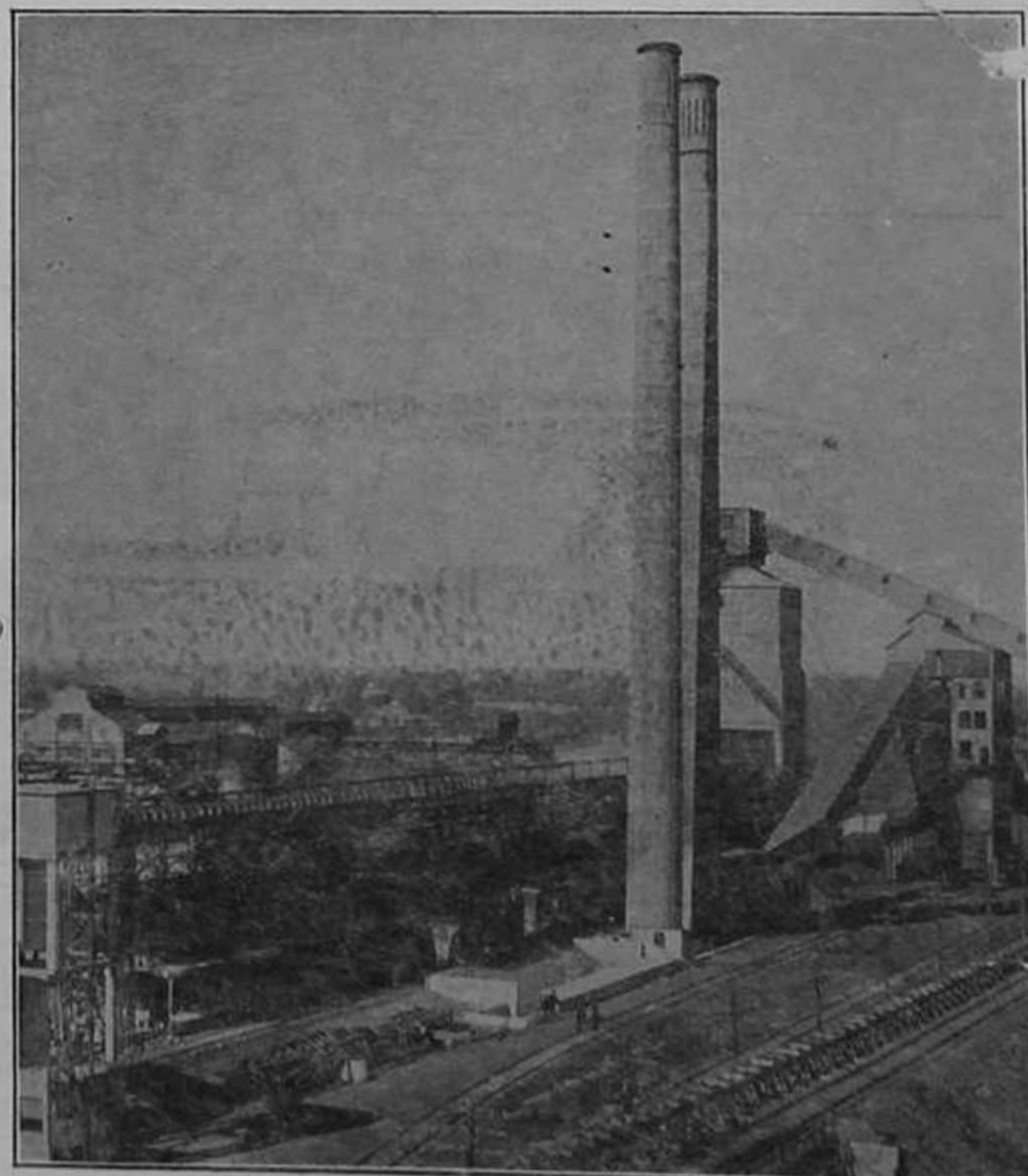
the freight saving on a Mallet engine weighing 465,000 pounds was upwards of \$1500. Furthermore, he stated that the railroads operating out of St. Louis used over 40 per cent of the country's locomotives. In other words, four out of every ten locomotives in service in the U. S. railroads could

be produced in the St. Louis district, and the production of the remaining material will follow.

Another industry that has come to this district is the F. J. Lewis Mfg. Co. Their decision to come came about in a peculiar way after their president, Mr. F. J.



Seven and one-half ton ore bridge bucket, used for loading and unloading coke; smaller buckets are used for iron ore, coal and stone.



This view shows coke ovens and screening station.



# A Story of Remarkable Business Progress

A. F. RITCHIE



DEALER

Albert F. Ritchie, dealer in Chevrolet cars, stands amongst the foremost when it comes to mentioning successful business men. Coming to Granite City in 1904, he was employed at the Granite City Steel Works, in the rolling mill department, for six years. He also worked as a bartender in Venice for several years and served that city as treasurer in 1919 and 1920.

He started selling Chevrolet automobiles during his spare time while working for Jos. F. Goodrich at Venice and built up his sales to such a point that the business soon demanded all of his time and attention. In June 1920, Mr. Ritchie purchased the small building at 1820 D street, Granite City, which he used for a sales and display room.

Having a central place for the sales and distribution of the cars soon brought the sales up to such a point that it was imperative to have more room, and last fall he purchased the building at the present location at 1829 State street, which was formerly occupied by the State Street Garage. This building has been remodeled into a first class sales and display room, in connection with which is maintained a service and repair department in charge of experienced and reliable mechanics.

In 1922 the sales force of Chevrolet cars consisted of but one man and now five salesmen are giving all of their time to the work and four men are in the service and repair department.

The sales force, under the able direction of Mr. Ritchie, is putting more and more Chevrolet cars upon the streets of Granite City every day.—

And the owners of the cars are satisfied owners, as is witnessed by the many repeat orders this agency enjoys.



A. F. Ritchie's Chevrolet Sales and Display Room in 1920

The new model four passenger coupe is now on display at 1829 State Street.

## The Car for the Girl in Business



2-Pass. Utility Coupé  
\$640

f. o. b.  
Flint, Mich.

Come in and See  
Us Today

Quality Cars  
Now Easy to Own

for Economical Transportation

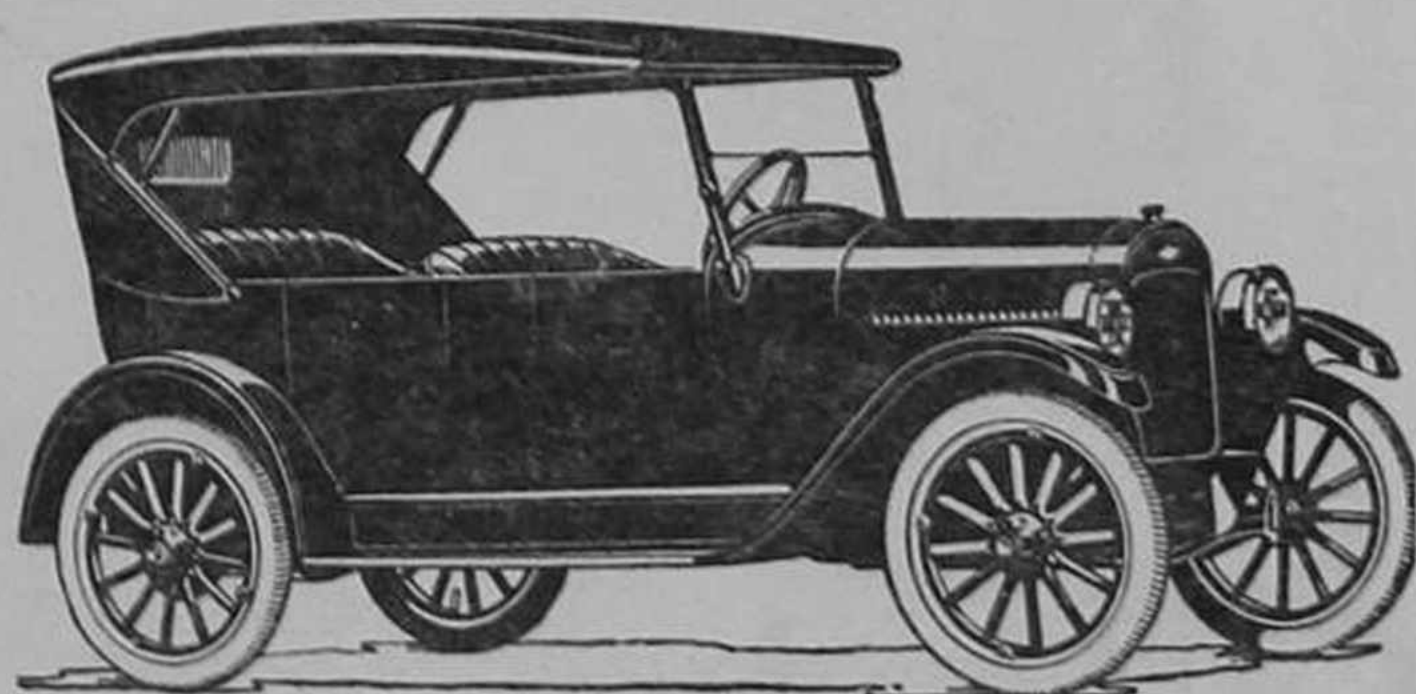


2-Pass. Roadster

\$490

f. o. b.  
Flint,  
Mich.

THE CHEVROLET SALES AND DISPLAY ROOMS AT 1829 STATE STREET, GRANITE CITY, ILL.



IF you are going to buy  
a car soon—see a Chevrolet  
first and see it at the



Sales and Display Room  
1829 State Street

A. F. Ritchie, Authorized Dealer - - Granite City, Ill.

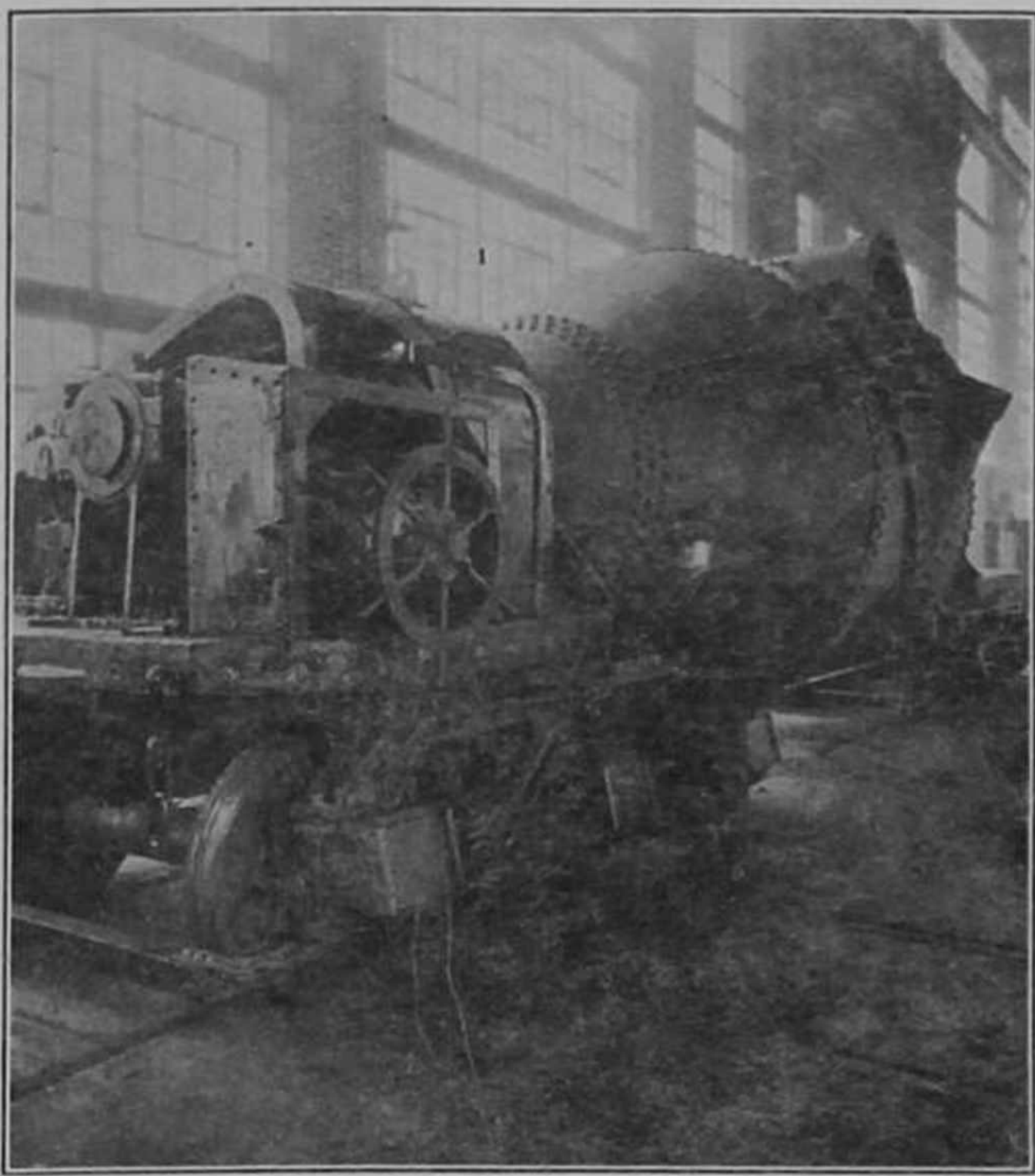


Lewis, had made an investigation of the distributing advantages of this location.

As you know, a by-product of the coking of coals is ammonium-sulphate, largely used for agricultural purposes, and in the artificial production of ice. Mr. Lewis had a Japanese order for 2,000

well as the great agriculture states in the Mississippi Valley.

So let us look forward to greater Steel Mills, eventually producing rails, steel pipe for the great oil fields in the South and West, wire and nails, structural steel, and the many kindred products of steel.



The new 125-ton Pugh-type Hot Metal Car built for the St. Louis Coke and Iron Company. Four cars of this type with a capacity of 70 tons each are now in use at the Granite City plant. The new ladle and its brick lining weigh 140 tons.

tons of sulphate, which he expected to ship overland via San Francisco; and my suggestion to him that he see what rate he could procure via Barge line on the Mississippi prompted him to make an investigation, which resulted in a saving of \$5.00 per ton in the freight charge via river, New Orleans to Japan, over the San Francisco route. This impressed him so that he decided to build a plant at Granite City to cost eventually a million dollars for the distillation of tar.

Mr. Lewis has also told me that the possibilities of the river, which will enable him to have cheaper rates to the seaboard for export; also, the advantages of this location in the center of the country with the freight rates in favor of distributing his products at the lowest cost will eventually make his development here greater than his plants in Chicago and Birmingham.

Other industries must follow. Statements have been made by enthusiasts of the steel and iron possibilities of this district—and I am one of them—that in the next twenty-five years, the St. Louis district will be a greater steel producing center than Pittsburgh today. We have the coal at our doors, we have iron ore close by, as well as lime rock; and to complete the situation—great advantages in freight, distributing over a district bounded by the Gulf of Mexico, as far West as Denver, and into the Northwest as

#### GAS USED COMMERCIALY AS EARLY AS 1802.

About the only time that most of us give the subject of gas a thought is when the postman drops a blue card into the mail box for the monthly bill—a bill which never fails to bring up a discussion as not as the gas itself, for says Mrs. Housewife, to Friend Husband just as he turns to the sporting sheet to see what the dopesters have to say about the Browns' chances this year:

"John, I want you to look at this gas bill. It's simply outrageous! We haven't used the laundry but twice this month, and think of all the cooking and baking we did for the holidays, and still this bill is higher than last month, 'Have 'em check the meter,' interrupts John,—'that boy Sisler will do the trick.'"

"Put down that paper this instant, and listen to me. Something simply MUST be done! That meter must be changed!"

Let us draw the curtain over this scene—Next month the bill may be less, and then Mrs. John will say she is a good manager! (How about it ladies.)

That an inflammable gas could be recovered by heating ordinary coal in a closed retort was discovered as early as 1691, by Dr. John Clayton, dean of Kildare. He filled bladders with coal gas and showed that upon pricking the bladder and applying a light, that the escaping gas burned with a

luminous flame. Almost a hundred years later a professor of natural philosophy in the University of Louvain, lighted his lecture room with gas, but no commercial application was made of the fact until William Murdoch in 1802 used the new illuminant to light up a large engine works near Birmingham, England.

A few years prior, in 1793, a Frenchman had taken out a patent in Paris for making illuminating gas, and had given a demonstration which thrilled Europe. One of the spectators was a German who vainly tried to buy the secret from the Frenchman Lebon. Winsor, the German, returned to Frankfurt, and set out to experiment how this new illuminant could be made, and in 1803 gave a series of experiments before the reigning duke of Brunswick with gas made from wood and coal.

Winsor then set out for London, organized a company and in 1807, the first public street gas lighting took place in Pall Mall. He soon applied to parliament to incorporate a company with a capital of two and a half million dollars, but Murdoch opposed the application on the grounds of previous discovery.

In 1813, Westminster Bridge was lighted and by 1816, gas had become quite common. Its introduction into dwellings was delayed somewhat due to the dangers attending its use, and to the imperfect manner in which the pipes were laid.

Commercial gas is still derived principally from the distillation of coal which yields from 9,000 to 12,000 cubic feet of gas per ton. Check your gas bill next month, and see what amount of coal was necessary to produce the gas which you consumed during the month.

The gas manufactured at the Granite City plant of the St. Louis Coke and Iron Company is considered a by-product. About sixty per cent of the gas given off from the ovens is piped out of the plant and the remaining forty per cent is returned to the ovens for heating.

At the coke plant gas is classed either as "rich" gas or "lean," according to its heating value. The gas which comes off the coal during the first period of coking time contains higher percentages of methane, benzol and ethylene all of which are high in heat and illuminating value, and is called rich gas.

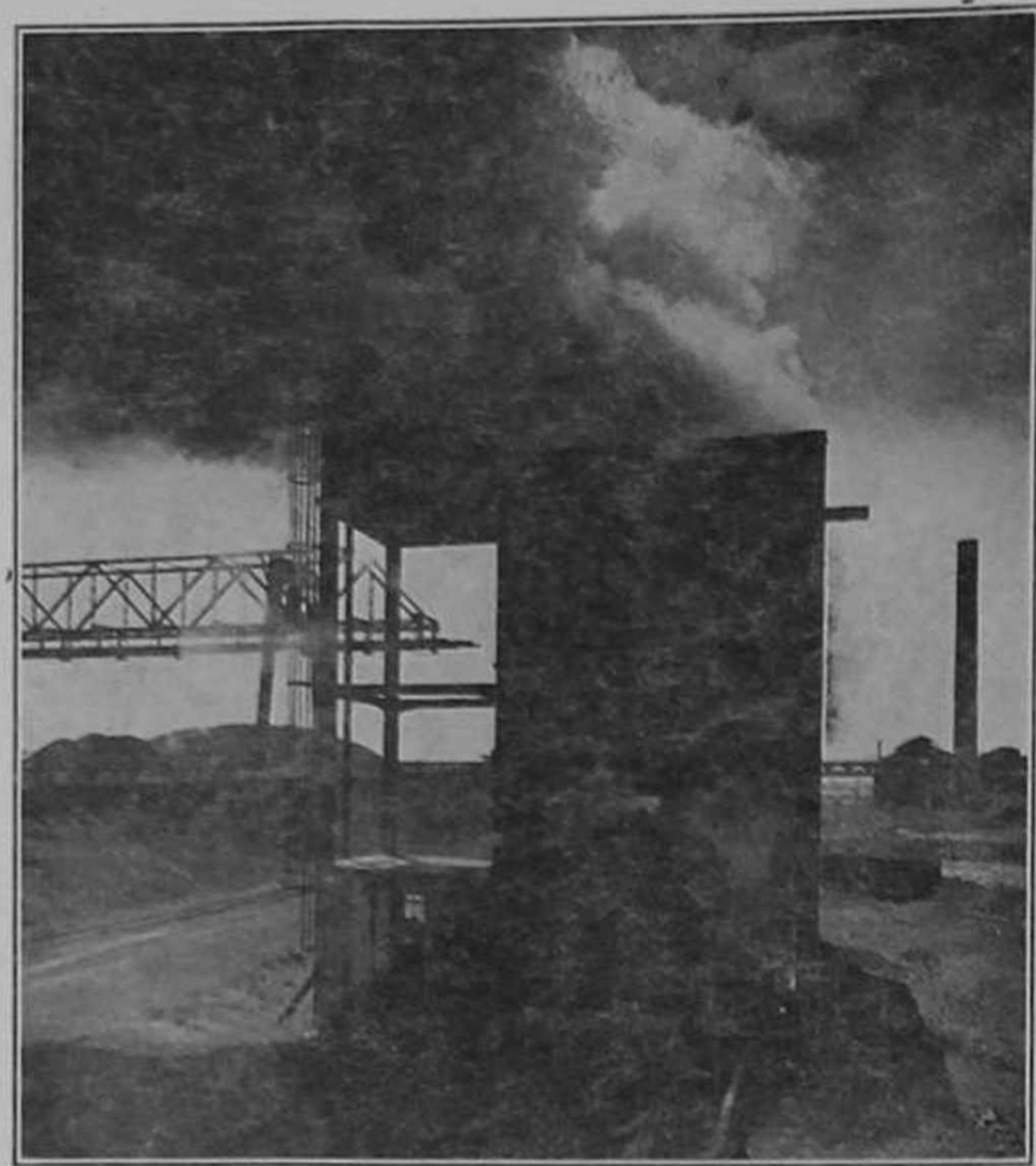
The gas which is recovered during the final stages of coking the coal contains smaller percentages of these heating elements, and more carbon dioxide and nitrogen which do not burn, and hydrogen and carbon monoxide which have a low heat value.

The heat value of gas may be stated as so many calories per cubic meter, or, as is the practice in this country, in terms of so many British Thermal Units. (B. T. U.). The British Thermal Unit is the amount of heat required to raise the temperature of one pound of water one degree Fahrenheit. Thus if one-fifth of a cubic foot of gas yields enough heat to raise the temperature of one pound of water from 70 degrees to 170 degrees Fahrenheit, it would have a heating value of 500 B. T. U. per cubic foot.

The gas, as it arises from the coking coal in the Roberts oven passes into a standpipe, then to damper boxes of which there are two,—one containing a valve opening to the rich gas main, and one to the lean gas collector main. During the initial hours of coking, the damper to the rich main is opened and the lean gas valve closed. As the coking proceeds, this operation is reversed and the gas from the ovens passes into the lean gas main.

Gas as it comes from the coking chambers is very hot. It cools somewhat passing through the dampers, collector mains, and cross-over mains which carry the volatiles from the ovens to the Primary Coolers or Condensers in the by-product department. In these coolers the temperature of the gas is greatly reduced and the tar vapors condense and drop out, and considerable moisture containing ammonia is also eliminated.

The gas then passes to the exhausters which are special pumps, drawing the gas from the ovens through the collector and cross-over mains and condensers, and forcing it under pressure through the remainder of the purifying system.



The Quenching Station at the Granite City plant of the St. Louis Coke and Iron Company. Coke as it comes from the ovens is "red hot"—but not for long. An electric locomotive carries the car containing the fresh coke underneath the quenching station hood, where large volumes of water play upon it. The cloud of steam is so dense that it appears as smoke in this photograph.

Final traces of "fog," due to tar, are removed by the exhauster, tar extractors, and the gas then passes to the saturators where it bubbles through a solution of five per cent sulphuric acid which reacts with the ammonia remaining in the gas to form ammonium sulphate, a white substance, resembling coarse salt in appearance.

Considerable heat is generated in the formation of ammonium sulphate and it is necessary to give the gas a final cooling. It is therefore passed into tall cylindrical steel towers where it is sprayed with great quantities of water. This washing process also removes certain impurities—chiefly naphthalene, which is familiar to most of us in the form of "moth balls."

From these cooling towers, the gas passes to the bottom of the benzol scrubbers and rises upward against a finely divided stream of absorbent oil, which is sprayed from the top. This absorbent oil, called "wash oil," is a special grade of petroleum having a solvent action on the benzol, toluol, naptha, etc., which are liquids still existing as vapors in the gas at this stage.

After these by-products are taken from the gas it is then delivered by a 30-in. main to the 50,000 cubic feet gas holder at the Booster station. From there it is pumped to Granite City Steel plant of the National Enameling & Stamping Company, and to the Cahokia Gas Company in East St. Louis. At East St. Louis, it undergoes a further purification to remove any sulphuretted hydrogen which it may contain.

This final purifying is done in steel boxes containing several trays filled with a mixture of wood shavings and rusted iron filings placed in such a way that the gas must pass thru several layers of it. The gas is then ready to cook your breakfast coffee, or to heat the baby's bottle at 2 a. m.

One of the jobs of Chief Chemist Page and his force is to keep a constant check on the constituents and heating value of the gas. The heating value (B. T. U.) is measured and recorded by a Thomas Type of Calorimeter made by the Cutler Hammer Manufacturing Company.

In discussing the British Thermal Unit we stated that it was the amount of heat required to raise the temperature of a cubic foot of water one degree Fahrenheit. In the Thomas Calorimeter, a given quantity of gas heats a known quantity of air instead of water, and the result is automatically charted by an electrical device.

The volume of the gas produced is also measured electrically by a Thomas meter. In this device, the gas passes over an electric heater which is automatically controlled to heat the gas a fixed number of degrees. More gas requires more heat, and less gas, naturally, less heat or electricity. The amount of electricity therefore required to supply this heat is measured and recorded in terms of cubic feet per hour.

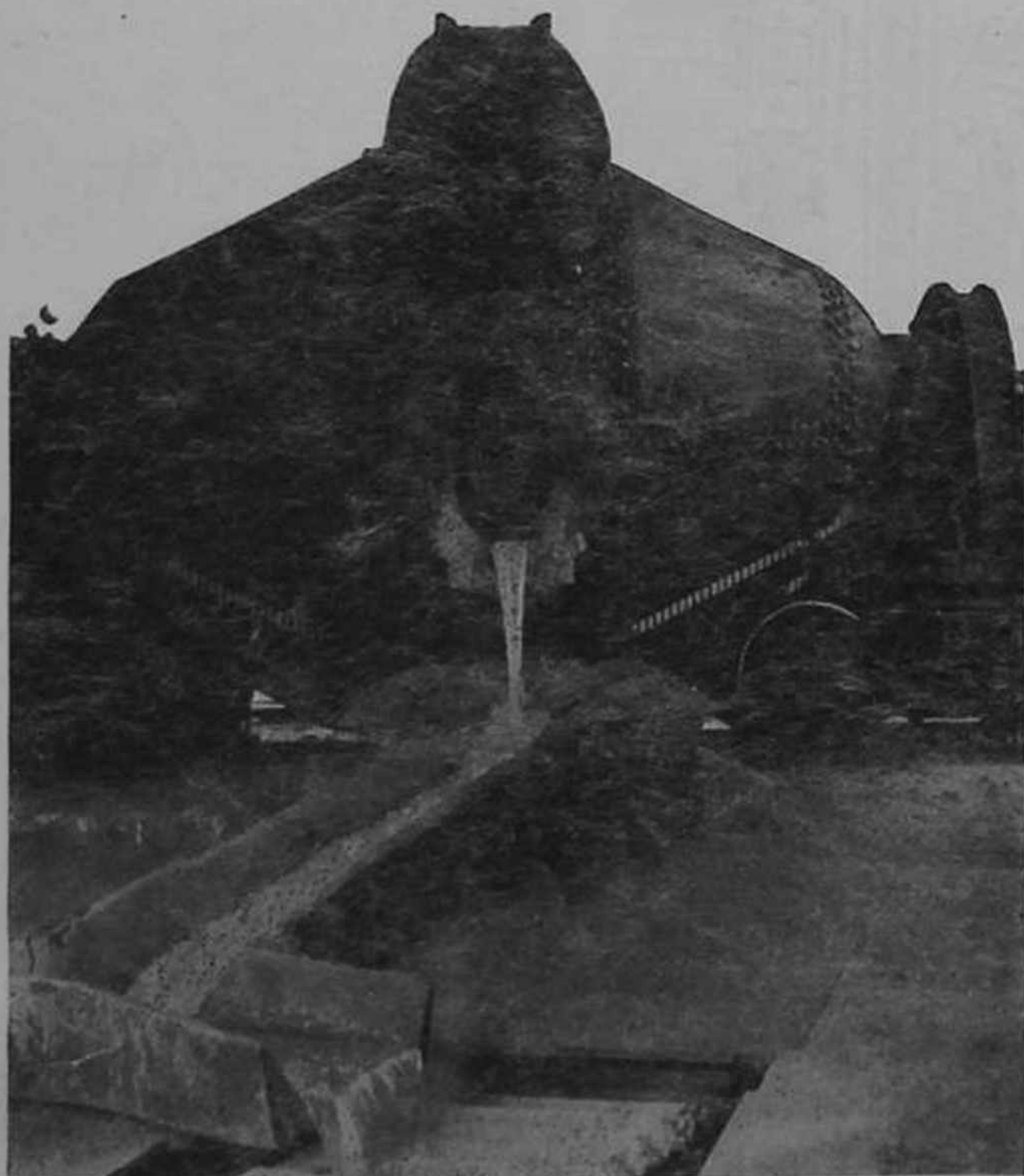
So we've come right back again to the subject which Mrs. Housewife and Friend John were discussing when we drew the curtain on Scene 1,—meters—

What a lot of trouble could be saved if it weren't for meters. But wouldn't you rather kick about meters, than get up in the morning and start a fire in the old cook stove with wet kindling and dirty coal. Its so much easier to light the gas, really now isn't it?

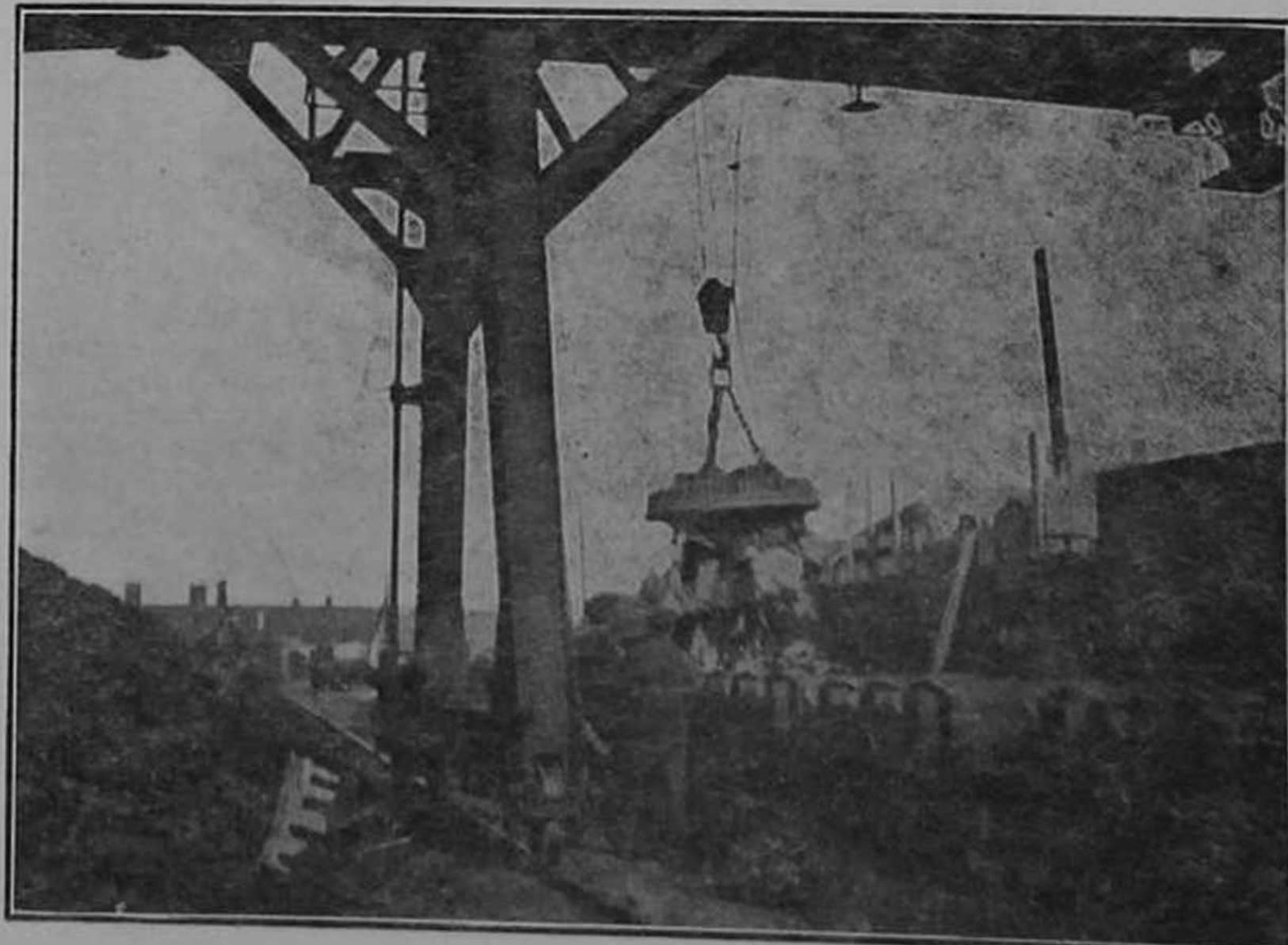
—The Coke Breeze—The Plant Paper of The St. Louis Coke and Iron Co.

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Casting pig-iron at the Granite City plant of the St. Louis Coke and Iron Company. The 70-ton capacity hot metal ladle is tilted by electrically controlled machinery and the molten iron flows into lime-coated moulds which move up an incline under a water spray. At the top of the incline, the mould tips and the "pig" drops into a gondola car, ready for shipment.



Unloading scrap iron with a huge electric magnet at the Granite City Steel Works



# "Since Granite City Was a Village"



In 1893 Mr. and Mrs. Julius Rosenberg had the courage and confidence to locate here and establish the first business house in the cornfield of Kinderhook, now Granite City.

Mr. Rosenberg was elected as the second mayor of this city and served for two consecutive administrations. He has always been held in high esteem by all our citizens.

Three years past our business was severely handicapped by a disastrous fire. Its reconstruction and re-establishment proved the unshakeable faith held in this community's future.

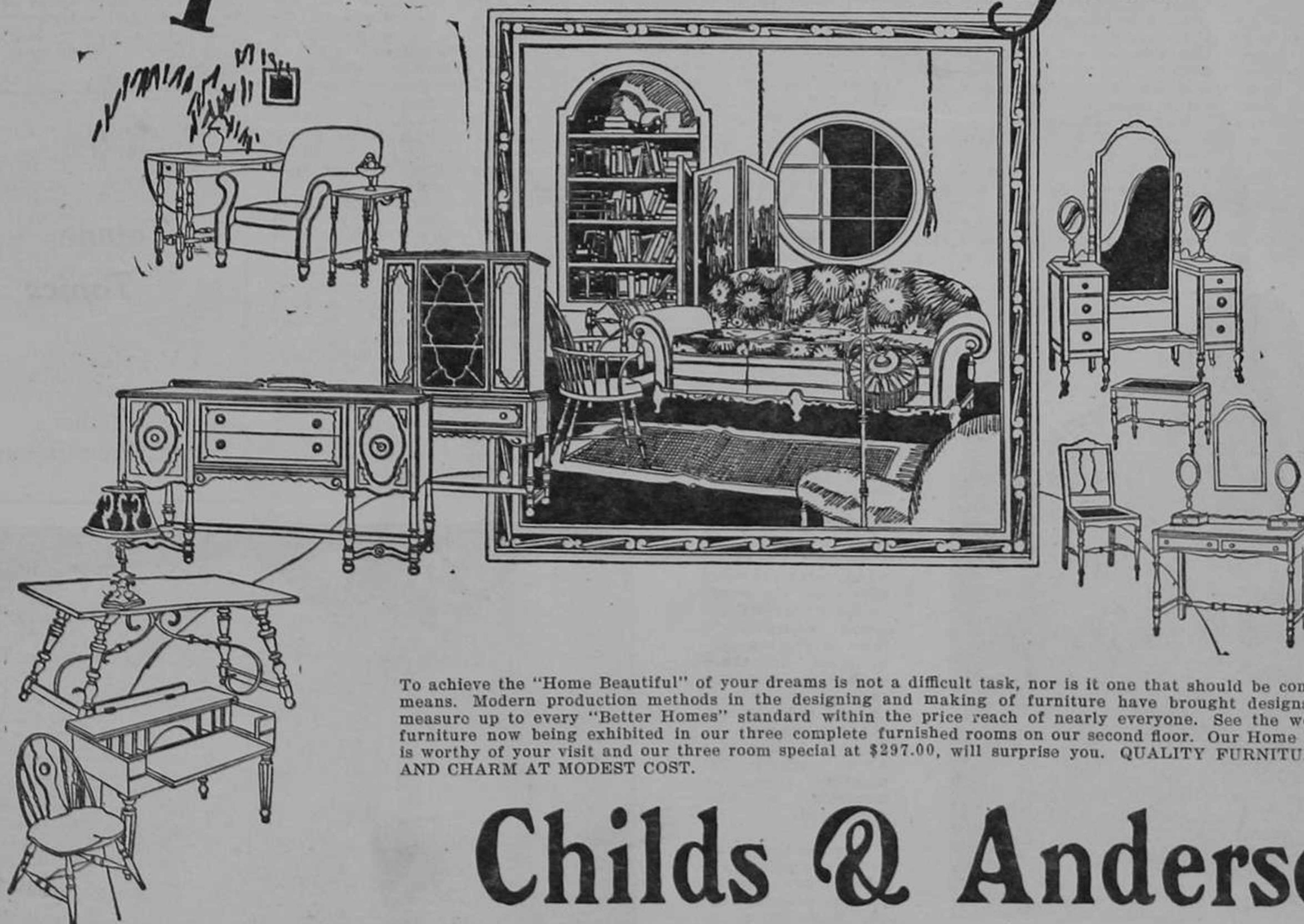
Although Mr. and Mrs. J. Rosenberg are actively retired from this business, it continues as Granite City's first and foremost store, under the management of their children.

## ROSENBERG DEPARTMENT STORE

19th and State Street,

Granite City, Ill.

## For Homes Beautiful~



To achieve the "Home Beautiful" of your dreams is not a difficult task, nor is it one that should be considered beyond your means. Modern production methods in the designing and making of furniture have brought designs and qualities that measure up to every "Better Homes" standard within the price reach of nearly everyone. See the wonderfully attractive furniture now being exhibited in our three complete furnished rooms on our second floor. Our Home DeLuxe at \$3,000.00 is worthy of your visit and our three room special at \$297.00, will surprise you. QUALITY FURNITURE WITH BEAUTY AND CHARM AT MODEST COST.

## Childs & Anderson

Established in 1902 with floor space 375 square feet, one small room. Granite City Quality Store 1924 with floor space 29,050 square feet, seven distinct floors, with a 12,500 square foot warehouse, to draw from.



## With the Women's Clubs and Organizations of Granite City



**DAUGHTERS OF AMERICAN REVOLUTION**  
President of  
Daughters of American  
Revolution.

On the 15th day of February, Mrs. Henry Needles, organizing Regent of D. A. R. called a meeting of the eligible women of the Tri-Cities and a chapter of D. A. R. was organized. Mrs. Walter F. Coolidge was elected as secretary and Mrs. W. J. Biel as registrar the remaining officers to be elected at the next meeting. The chapter voted to meet for luncheon once a month and to begin a course in citizenship immediately. The following names have been forwarded to general headquarters where one will be chosen from list: Pontiac; Piasa; Nameoki; Lewis-Clark; and George Rogus-clark.

The Tri-City chapter will be the third formed in Madison County, Alton, and Edwardsville having had chapters for some time. Mrs. Coolidge was also a charter member of the Alton chapter.

The ladies present were Mesdames Shumway, Connole, Spring Riley, Hunter Riley of Madison, Mesdames Needles, Coolidge, Biel, Humphreys, Smith, Buenger, Geo Coudy and Misses Ruth Wilderman and Sophie Prather of Granite. A number of other ladies, not present Friday, will be included in the list of charter members.

### The Ladies Coterie.

Four ladies of Granite City met at the home of Mrs. Mark Henson on March 25, 1895, and organized a Philanthropic Club.

The charter members were Mrs. Mark Henson (deceased), Mrs. Chas. (deceased), Mrs. McRoberts, of Maplewood, Mo., and Mrs. Webb of St. Louis. The officers elected were: President, Mrs. Webb; Vice-President, Mrs. McRoberts; Secretary, Mrs. Henson; Treasurer, Mrs. Chas.

The club was federated with the Illinois Federation of Women's Clubs, Oct. 12, 1912, and with the 22nd District Federation of Women's Clubs on April 11, 1912.

We now have a membership of 40. We celebrated our silver jubilee on March 25, 1920. We still do philanthropic work, which consists of giving food, clothing and coal to the needy families of this city we also presented pictures to the schools and have donated toward all worthy organization such as Near East Relief, Boy Scouts, and Salvation Army drives, we have supported and indorsed all good measures recommended by the General, State and District Federation, we are associated with the Citizen's Relief and one member of our club is chairman of the Post Ice and Milk Fund. Prominent people from out of town as well as locally have appeared on our programs as lecturers, readers and musicians.

Our philanthropies are taken out of our Charity fund, and our entertainment fund out of our General fund, which consists of our dues.

The present officers are: Mrs. Hardin Jackson, President; Mrs. W. J. Biel, Vice-President; Mrs. J. W. Cassidy, Secretary; Mrs. Wm. Champion, Ass't. Secretary; Mrs. E. J. Gaylord, Treasurer.

Credit for many of the scenes and pictures in this booklet is due to the Art Shoppe Studio, O. W. Lane, Prop., 19th and E Streets, Granite City, Ill.



**MRS. R. C. BARNEY,**  
President of  
The Thursday Club.

The Thursday Club was organized on October 13th, 1910, at the home of Mrs. N. J. Smith with 13 members. The club organized for social and benevolent purposes with membership limit of 18. Mrs. Ed. Mercer was chosen first president.

Of the present membership of 18, five charter members remain, they are Mrs. N. P. Wilson, Mrs. N. P. Clarkson, Mrs. Eugene Graham, Mrs. Dan Gollmer, Mrs. Ed. Mercer.

The present officers of the club are: President, Mrs. R. C. Barney; Vice-President, Mrs. N. P. Wilson; Secretary, Mrs. Eugene Graham; Treasurer, Mrs. Nettie Overbeck.

### Haydn Ladies' Choral Club.

On the afternoon of Nov. 6, 1921, a number of ladies met together for the purpose of organizing a Women's Choral Club. This Club was organized and named the Haydn Ladies' Choral Club. The first president elected was Mrs. Thos. Brewster.

The aim and object of this Club is to raise the standard of music in this community, and for the betterment of the community at large. It is non-sectarian and any lady of musical taste is eligible to membership. The people of this community who have attended the concerts, operettas and other programs given by this club under the able leadership of their directress, Mrs. Bessie Morgan Reese, fully appreciate the efforts of this Club.

There is a membership of thirty active members and the officers are: President, Mrs. Thos. Brewster, Vice-President, Mrs. G. Muelder; Secretary and Treasurer, Mrs. John Harris; Cor.-Secretary, Miss Mildred Daniels; Directress, Mrs. Bessie Morgan Reese; Pianist, Miss Edith Frohardt.



**MRS. HARRY FAULKNER,**  
President of  
Bay View Reading  
Club.

The Bay View Reading Club was organized at the home of Mrs. Morgan LeMasters, June 25, 1909. The object of the club is both social and literary, having as its aim higher culture equipoise and symmetry of character, which when fully developed, brings a realization of our high and lofty ideals of cultured and gracious womanhood.

Mrs. Morgan Le Masters was elected the first president of the club. There are twenty active members and six honorary members.

The officers now serving are: President, Mrs. Harry Faulkner; Vice-President Mrs. H. H. Walker; Secretary, Mrs. Ed. Varnum; Treasurer, Mrs. C. D. Bowman.

Charter members are Mesdames J. W. Cassidy, W. J. Biel.



ALL THE SOCIAL AND CLUB NEWS OF THE TRI-CITIES IS A REGULAR FEATURE OF THE GRANITE CITY PRESS-RECORD.

READ PRESS-RECORD ADS FOR THE BARGAINS LISTED BY HOME TOWN MERCHANTS



**MRS. VIRGIL HOLLIS,**  
President of  
Ladies' Auxiliary of St. David's  
Society.

On April 5th, 1913, invitations were sent by Mrs. Ed. Watkins to some fifty or more ladies to meet at her home and on that evening "The Ladies' Auxiliary to the St. David's Society" was organized with a membership of over fifty. Mrs. W. J. Lynch was elected the first president.

Any woman who is the wife daughter, mother, widow or sister of Welsh Ancestry is eligible to membership. The purpose of this society is charitable and in the past eleven years has done some very good work among the needy of Granite City.

Our first annual affair was a Welsh tea, given in the Presbyterian Church the proceeds of which started our fund which has always been used only for charity. An affair of some sort has been given each succeeding year, the proceeds of which have been used for the same purpose.

At the time of the war, this society pledged and faithfully paid ten dollars a month to the Red Cross, for the duration of the war. This Society is heartily in favor and have always financially aided all the movements and drives that have started in Granite, Owing to the fact that several families have left Granite City and several members have passed away, we are at present twenty-six in membership.

The present officers are: Pres., Mrs. Virgil Hollis; Vice-Pres., Mrs. Frank Watkins; Sec., Mrs. Arthur Kennedy, Ass. Sec., Mrs. Ed. Jones; Treas., Mrs. D. C. Vaughan.

Credit for many of the portraits in this magazine is due the Strauss Studio, St. Louis, Mo.

The Press-Record is "Growing Like Granite City," bigger and better every day.



**MRS. L. DARNIER,**  
President of  
AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY OF TRI-CITY,  
POST 113.

The American Legion Auxiliary of Tri-City Post No. 113 is less than three years old. It had its beginning January 30, 1922, at the Elk's Club in our city, where Dr. H. C. H. Schroeder, Post Commander at that time and Mrs. W. H. Morgan, President of the American Legion Auxiliary of Post No. 119 of Edwardsville, were instrumental in organizing the eligible women of Granite City into the present auxiliary unit. The officers of the Unit for the first year were: President, Mrs. H. C. H. Schroeder; Vice-President, Mrs. Ed. Watkins; Secretary, Mrs. L. D. Darnier; Treasurer, Mrs. C. D. Bowman.

The organization was organized for the following purposes: To uphold and defend the constitution of the United States of America and of the State of Illinois; to maintain law and order; to foster and perpetuate a one-hundred per cent Americanism; to preserve the memories and incidents of our association in the Great War; to culcate a sense of individual obligation to the community state and nation; to combat the autocracy of both the masses; to make right the master of might; to promote peace and good will on earth; to safeguard and transmit to posterity the principles of justice, freedom, and democracy; to consecrate and sanctify our comradeship by our devotion to mutual helpfulness.

Since the time of this organization the Unit has been actively engaged in work both local and state. The membership, however, was small yet a great many things were done in helping the distressed in the homes of the soldier boys.

During the year of 1923 our membership grew somewhat, our work increased and much was accomplished guided by the following officers: President, Mrs. G. E. McKean; First Vice-Pres., Mrs. D. L. Darnier; Second Vice-Pres., Mrs. E. A. Purnell; Secretary, Mrs. G. M. Moore; Treasurer, Mrs. C. Breckenridge; Chaplain, Mrs. C. D. Bowman; Historian, Miss Carrie Ingham; Sgt.-at-Arms, Mrs. Wm. Graf.

The work for 1924 has been begun with a work on the part of each new member to increase the enrollment of the Unit. We expect also to help in sending supplies to our boys in the hospitals in the way of food and clothing and to assist needy families of deceased soldiers. This work is under the direction of the following corps of officers: President, Mrs. L. D. Darnier; First Vice-President, Mrs. G. M. Moore; Second Vice-President, Mrs. C. H. Breckenridge; Treasurer, Mrs. V. C. Rilling; Chaplain, Mrs. H. C. Schroeder; Secretary, Mrs. D. R. Davis; Historian, Mrs. Roy Hoff; Sgt.-At-Arms, Mrs. Geo. Reis.

We have enrolled forty-two members, however, some have moved their membership. This year we hope to more than double this membership, and would be glad to enlist every mother, sister, wife and daughter of every member of the American Legion of our City.

Boost Granite City by Trading With the Home Town Merchants—you will find the Bargain News in the Press-Record.



# The Peerless Tailoring & Hat Works



SAM DOUMAS



PEERLESS TAILORING AND HAT WORKS, 19TH AND STATE STREETS



TOM CONDIS

The Peerless Tailoring and Hat Works was established in this city in January, 1917, Sam J. Doumas and Tom Condis being partners in the enterprise. The business started in but a small way at first, renting a small room in front of what was formerly Bricker's place at 19th and State street, but perseverance and service to the customers soon built up the business to such an extent that it was necessary to have larger quarters and when the opportunity offered the firm took over the small room at 1913 State street in addition to their business and started in the tailoring, dyeing and cleaning business.

Then along came Uncle Sam and needed men to carry on in the war and Mr. Doumas went into training at Camp Taylor, Ky. There he applied himself diligently to his task of soldiering as he did to his business back here in Granite City and he was soon promoted to the rank of sergeant.

After leaving Uncle Sam's service, Sergt. Doumas returned home and again started in helping his hustling partner build up a bigger business, and it was not long until it was necessary for them to again have larger quarters. The firm took

over the entire corner at 19th and State, formerly occupied by Harry Bricker, and added an exclusive hat store. Succeeding in this line of business for several years they again found themselves way ahead in progress and took over the next room formerly occupied by Ben Massey, the jeweler, and established a shoe shining parlor in the small room and in the corner room in addition to the hat shop, they started handling a full line of gents' furnishings and clothing.

That success is due the efforts of these two enterprising young men is attested by the fact that eighteen months ago Mr. Doumas purchased the entire building, one of the best commercial buildings of the city, and plans are all set to remodel the place into a modern style show window front, with big plate glass windows fronting both State and 19th streets.

The firm holds membership in the Granite City Commercial Club, the Nineteenth Street Improvement Association, State Street Improvement Association, Moose Club, and the Hellenic Progressive League of St. Louis, and Ex-Sergt. Doumas takes an active part in the work of the Tri-City Post of the American Legion, as finance officer.

## The Triangle Realty & Investment Co.

One of the splendid business firms of Granite City, which has been doing its share in helping the people of the city, is the Triangle Realty & Investment Company, of 1404 Niedringhaus avenue. This company was chartered on July 1, 1921 and from the start has been able to show an earning. There is no real estate firm in a position to give better service and satisfaction than the Triangle Realty Company and the reputation of the gentlemen at its head is an absolute guarantee of perfect satisfaction in all dealings with this company.

Mr. J. T. Daniel, president of the company, was born in Van Buren, Arkansas, but has spent much of his time in this part of the country. Mr. Daniel was connected with one of the largest sub-division firms in St. Louis for seven years and six years following was in the same business for himself, so he is not a beginner in this work.

Mr. A. E. Johnson, secretary-treasurer of the company was born in St. Louis, Missouri and was formerly public accountant in St. Louis. Mr. Johnson was a Captain in the 138th Infantry during the World War. These men have been broadminded and public-spirited in the upbuilding and advancement of Granite City and in helping the people to own their own homes. An organization such as this company has long been needed in the community. They have developed a selling organization second to none in the community which is made up of capable and efficient men and women of the highest type and one which gets results, both for the company and for its customers.



J. T. DANIELS

There never was a company built up never was a city erected except by faith "faith" is what we term "boosting"—so and Investment Company" and the

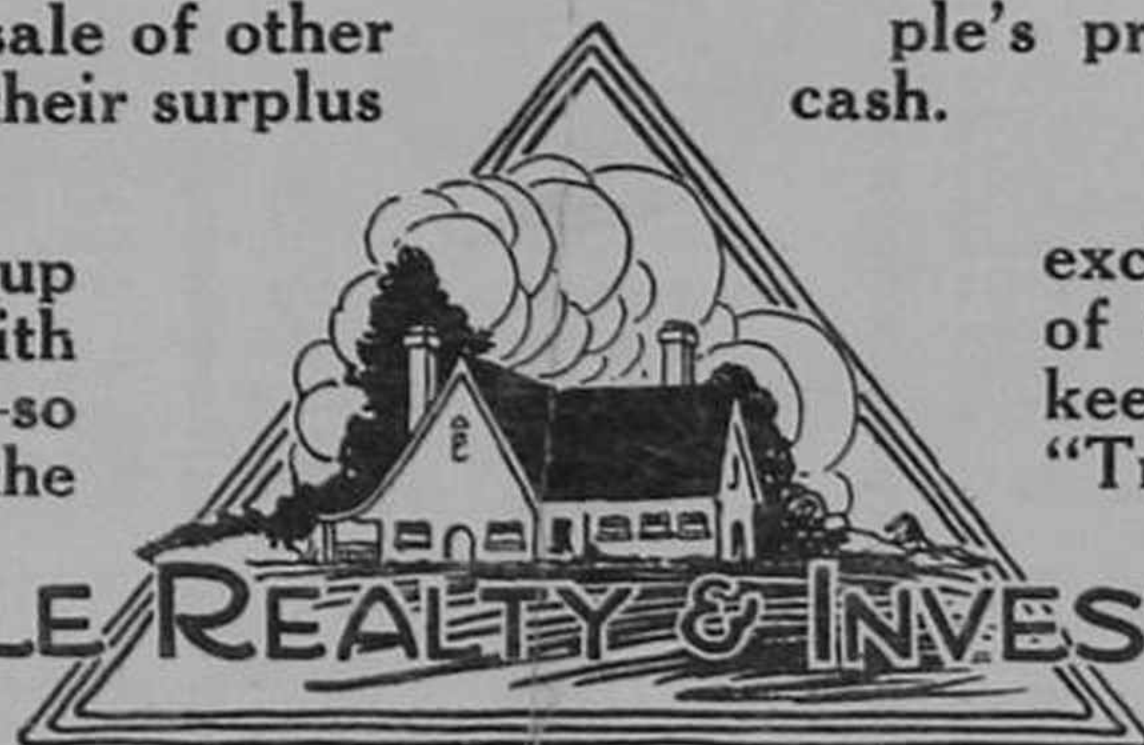
It means something to know that people who are successful in the real estate market, whether they be small or large, have come to look upon the Triangle Real Estate Company as a guide to successful buying and selling and when they are on the lookout for some particular proposition, some uncommon offering—they come to the "Triangle" to find it!

In the short time of its existence, the Triangle Realty Company has built up an enviable reputation for fair, upright and honest methods of managing the sale of other people's property and the re-investment of their surplus cash.



A. E. JOHNSON

except by faith of its individuals. There of its inhabitants. The expression of keep on boosting the "Triangle Realty "Triangle" will boost Granite City.



TRIANGLE REALTY & INVESTMENT CO.

GRANITE CITY, ILL.

Kinloch 127  
1404 Nied. Avenue

Kinloch 855-W  
and 551-M



## History Of The Granite City Business Women's Club

For a long time it was the general opinion that Granite City needed an organization of and for business women, and when the clarion call went forth for organizing such a club, twenty-three business women, sensing the advantages and benefits to be derived by the amalgamation of the strength and activity of women and who were alive to the general good resulting from the closer fellowship among women, answered the call.

The movement for organizing business women was a new one, but now is fully realized and there are several flourishing organizations throughout the State of Illinois. A Business Women's Club is organized primarily for the advancement of women, but opportunities for service to the community should not be overlooked.

Mrs. Henry Needles, President of the Women's Federated Clubs in the 22nd Congressional District of Illinois, was and is very much interested in this work and it was only natural that her daughter, Miss Dorothy Needles, should have the same interest. After talking with the State President as well as the President of the Business and Professional Women's Club of East St. Louis, Miss Needles became so enthused that she spread the idea and interested others in the movement. When the East St. Louis Club became aware of this interest they gave a cordial invitation to attend their monthly dinner meeting at the Y. W. C. A. Club rooms on October 12, 1921. Misses Dorothy Needles, Georgiana Kennedy, Gertrude Thomas, Lucy Briggs, and Clara Hoelscher attended the meeting, accompanied by Mrs. Henry Needles, speaker for the evening. This meeting served to open their eyes to see opportunity and service to the community in a new way, and they came away determined to do all possible to establish such an organization in Granite City.

After that several meetings were held for discussing the possibilities of such organization, and lists were prepared of the women eligible for membership. After interviewing a number who were very much enthused over the idea, a meeting was called to organize the Granite City Business Women's Club on November 4, 1921. The Morris Realty Company kindly offered their conference room for this purpose. The meeting opened with twenty-three members present, and after discussing the subject, Miss Dorothy Needles was appointed Temporary Chairman and Miss Clara Hoelscher, Temporary Secretary.

Miss Needles gave a detailed explanation of the work of a business women's club and of the privileges enjoyed by the members and outlined the object of the club as this: 1. To promote good fellowship among women; 2. To encourage an interchange of ideas; 3. To stimulate co-operation among business women; 4. To unite them in a thinking group for service for the advancement of their cause and that of other women.

Every one present was so enthused that when Miss Dorothy Ranft made a motion to organize a Business Women's Club in Granite City, and after being properly seconded, it was carried unanimously. The twenty-three members present signed membership cards, thereupon becoming charter members of the Granite City Business Women's Club.

These members are: Dorothy Needles, Georgiana Kennedy, Gertrude Thomas, Lucy Briggs, Clara Hoelscher, Dorothy Ranft, Lottie Harris, Mayne Hackethal, Phyllis Carpenter, Alice Briggs, Florence Lewis, Ella Hoelscher, Cornelia Brown, Columbia Brown, Dorothy Kuebler, Grace Elmore, Dorothy Higgins, Bonnie Gracey, Ivy Kunnehan, Beatrice Taylor, Mary E. Conn, Gertrude Voight, Ethel Reynolds.

Copies of the proposed Constitution and By-Laws were distributed among the members to be studied carefully, in view of discussing various questions which might arise when the articles were presented for adoption at the next meeting.

On November 25, 1921, the first regular business meeting of the Business Women's Club was held at the Morris Realty Company offices. At this time the election of officers and directors was held with the following results: President, Dorothy Needles; Vice-President, Dorothy Ranft; Recording Secretary, Georgiana Kennedy; Treasurer, Beatrice Thompson; Executive Secretary, Clara Hoelscher. Directors: Luce Briggs, Gertrude Thomas, Lottie Harris,

Maude Kelly, Gertrude Voight, Ivy Kunnehan.

The Constitution and By-Laws were unanimously adopted, also the amount of dues was fixed.

The first meeting of the Board of Directors was called on December 2, 1921.

At the regular program meeting the club studied the Carrie Chapman Catt Course in Citizenship, each meeting having a different leader to discuss current topics. This study was dropped later on. During the first year the Club reached a membership of 100 with 25 different occupations represented.

The social activities of the Club for the first year were few but each was a success financially as well as socially. The one big thing was the Community Christmas Tree. The expense for this was met by popular subscription. The Hayden Choral Club added much to the Christmas festivities by softening the wintry air with their beautiful voices as they sang Christmas carols around the tree on Christmas Eve. After paying all expenses, we found we had a balance of \$150.00 in the treasury besides owning the wiring, lights, etc. which can be used for years. This money was placed in a permanent Christmas tree fund and invested in a 6% note. Other money was earned by giving a dance, card party, and other social affairs, each being a great success.

In a report given before the Members of the 22nd District of Federated Clubs is this paragraph:

"In order that we might concentrate our efforts we voted to confine ourselves entirely to Civic and Community work. We discontinued the Loan Fund for the School children, which was reported last year, because we did not think it feasible at the present time. During the past year we gave financial support to the Community Band Concerts, appointed a member of our Club to represent each Ward for Clean-up Week, gave financial support to the Boy Scout work, and presented the City with the Second Community Christmas Tree. During Christmas week a short program was held at the tree—the Hayden Choral Club sang Christmas carols—the Boy Scout Drum Corps took part—one of our Attorneys gave an address and several of our Ministers also took part. We have very recently been given permission by the City Council to build and maintain a Park on one of the lots owned by the City, which is vacant, and occupies a very central location. It is our intention to beautify this lot, provide benches and drinking fountains, and turn it over to the City for public use. As large an amount as we can afford is budgeted for this Civic fund from our dues and the remainder we have 'earned' through various activities—one dance last March, a Street or Block dance in July, and a few weeks ago a card party.

"As members of the State and National Federation of B. W. C. we paid the expenses of our quota of delegates to Springfield in May, and sent two delegates to the National Convention in Chattanooga."

At the election of officers for the second year, the vote was unanimous that the officers of last year and the retiring directors be elected to hold office until July.

The second annual Convention of the Illinois Federation of Business and Professional Women's Clubs was held at Rockford, Illinois, May 11th and 12th, 1923. The Granite City Business Women's Club sent the following delegates: Dorothy Needles, Buenger, Pearl Rosenberg, Pearl Kirkpatrick, and Clara Hoelscher.

At the regular meeting on July 2, 1923, the election of officers was held for the third year, the results being: President, Pearl Rosenberg; Vice-President, Dorothy Ranft; Recording Secretary, Helen Kiser; Treasurer, Hetty Pick; Executive Secretary, Gertrude Thomas.

So far this year the social activities of the Club have been confined to our play 'Springtime' but we are proud to report it was a great financial success and we are now anticipating a dance for March 17th.

Industrial, Holiday and Souvenir Editions  
I. Orval Smith  
Overland, Mo., Aamour, S. D.

The Press-Record is "Growing Like Granite City," bigger and better every day.

## MRS. CLARA HALBERT NEEDLES, A CANDIDATE FOR THE LEGISLATURE.



Mrs. Clara Halbert Needles 2517 E street, this city, former president of the 22nd congressional district, Federation of Women's Clubs, is a candidate from the 47th senatorial district, comprising Madison and Bond counties, for the office of representative in the Illinois Legislature.

While president of the district women's clubs, Mrs. Needles doubled the membership, bringing into the organization more than 1000 new members.

Nine women notary publics in the various sections of the district handled the legal phase of her petitions before they were presented at the capitol. Three men notaries were also included. The majority of signers on the petitions were women.

Mrs. Needles is the first woman in Southern Illinois to make the race for the office.

Her grandfather, Wm. H. Underwood, went to the state senate as a Republican eight consecutive times from this district before and during the Civil War period. The district then comprised several additional counties. He was one of the founders of the Republican Party.

Mrs. Needles in outlining her views on politics, states that she is for the furtherance of good roads, all the welfare bills, and law enforcement.

## Our Thanks to You

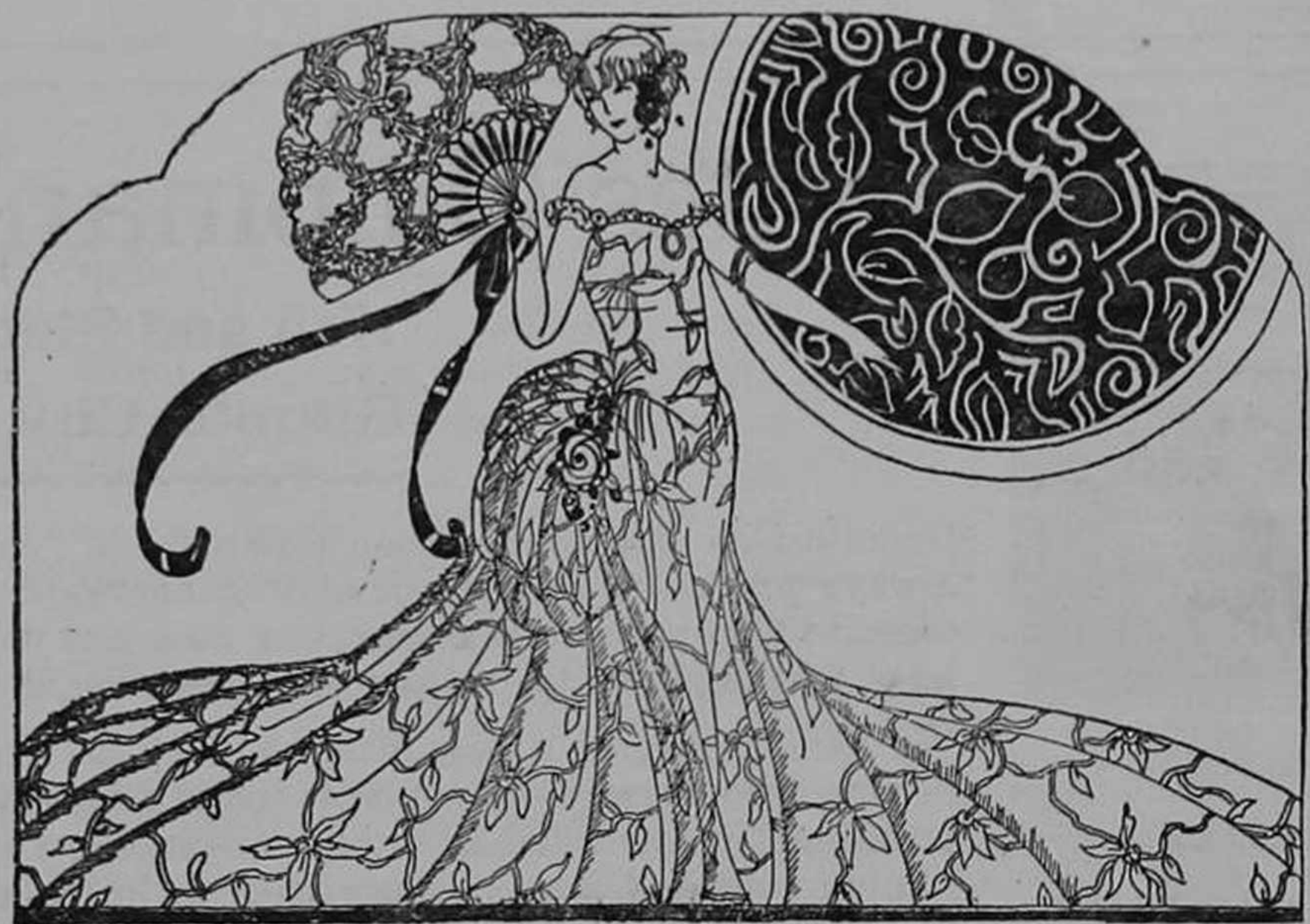
This magazine was conceived with two thoughts in mind, first to pay the expenses of bringing the convention of the Southern Illinois Editorial Association to Granite City; second, to give Granite City publicity and to show to the world, the character of the people, the business houses, the industries, churches, schools and the other things that go to make up this progressive city.

To say that success has crowned our efforts is but putting it mildly. The convention is here, the newspaper men that are here are very favorably impressed with Granite City and the boosting spirit of the citizens of this city. They are going to go back home and they are going to tell their home town people that Granite City is made up of boosters and live wire citizens, and that is one big reason why Granite City is growing like it is.

And they are going to take this magazine home with them and they are going to comment upon the spirit of the people that will back such an enterprise.

We know that this is going to happen because we know what a bunch of boosters the Southern Illinois Editorial Association is made up of. And for the loyal aid and co-operation of every one that helped to make this Granite City Booster Edition a success we wish to extend our sincere thanks. We feel satisfied that all of you who are represented in this magazine are proud of your share in the undertaking and that each one of us will be inspired to get together and to be regular boosters all the time for a bigger and better Granite City.

LEWIS L. LINDLEY, Editor,  
Granite City Press Record.



## Jacobson's

### The Style Center Of The Tri-Cities

This store, which caters exclusively to ladies and children, was opened at the corner of 19th and D streets, some six years ago and soon established a place of esteem with those good ladies of the Tri-Cities who desire quality as well as style.

Phillip Jacobson, the proprietor of the establishment, was engaged in the cloak and suit manufacturing business for a number of years, and has the expert knowledge of how a garment should fit and hang that only comes with years of experience at the business.

This knowledge, coupled with the fact that only suits, cloaks, dresses and furnishings of the very highest grade and quality, combined with very moderate prices, has made JACOBSON'S a shopping center that gains in favor all the time.

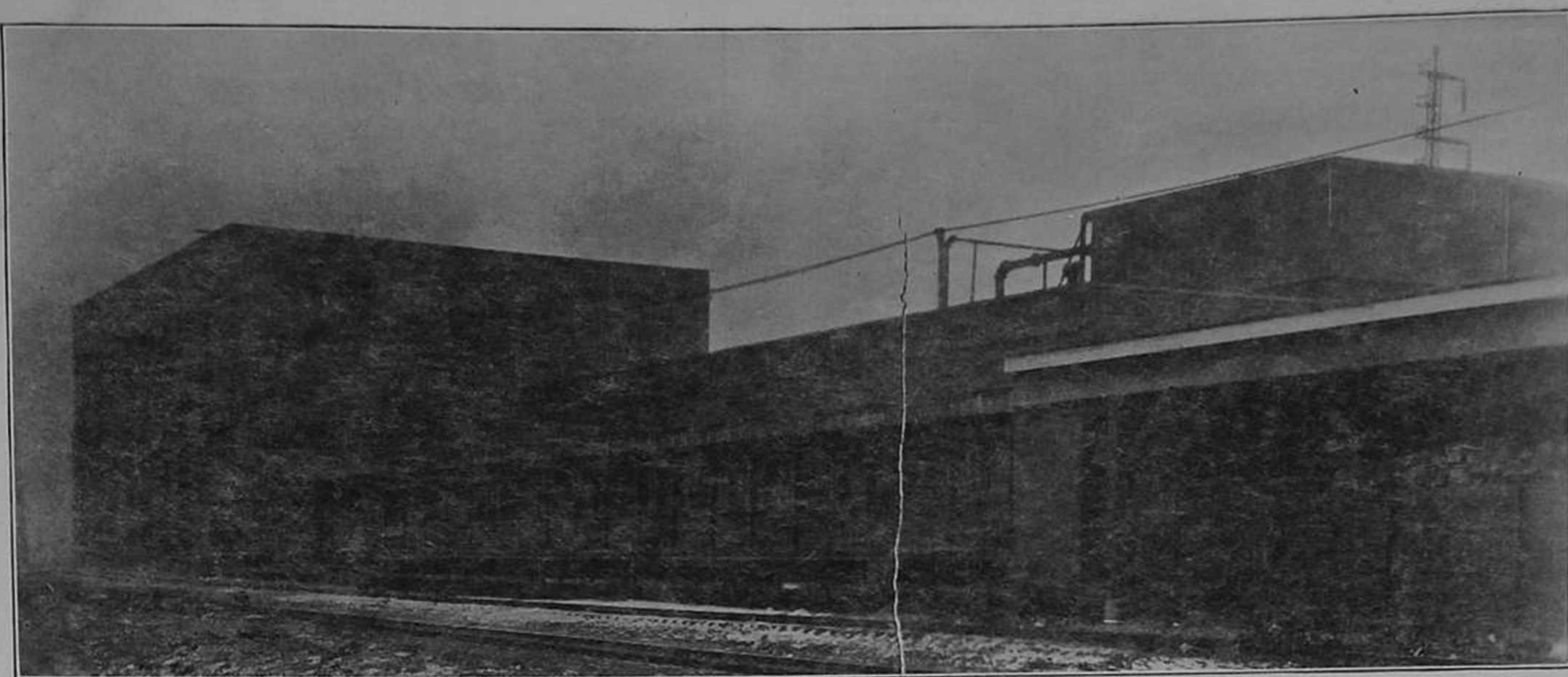
Last year Mr. Jacobson moved one door east to his present location, having purchased the building and remodeled it into a most pleasing place for the display of the beautiful garments that stock the store.

Mr. Jacobson is assisted in the management of the store by his capable wife, and the two of them are giving Granite City the kind of a store it has needed for many years, a first class establishment for ladies clothes and furnishings.

Cloaks, suits, coats, skirts, millinery, furs, dresses and dainty lingerie, all are to be found at Jacobson's, in the latest mode and at the right prices.

Visitors to Granite City should not overlook the opportunity of seeing this store.





The plant of the Granite City Ice and Fuel Company, 16th Street and Madison Avenue

E. L. BREDECKE  
Pres. and Gen. Mgr.  
Granite City Ice and  
Fuel Co.

The Granite City Ice and Fuel Company have two mammoth plants in this city, one at 16th street and Madison avenue, which the company erected a few years ago, and the other one being the old Wagner Brewery plant.

The daily ice manufacturing capacity of the two plants is 260 tons. The storage capacity is 10,000 tons, which insures a sufficient quantity on hand to care for any kind of an emergency demand and guard against a shortage.

The 16th street plant is one of the most modern in the State of Illinois, and both plants turn out ice that is pure, clean and solid.

Dealers in other cities are invited to send in orders for car load lots as our railroad connections make it possible for us to ship to you over any road and give you prompt service at the right prices.

Plant No. 2, the old brewery plant, is to be remodeled within the very near future and converted into a modern first class cold storage plant, for perishable goods of all kind.

In addition to the ice making business and cold storage, we are wholesale and retail dealers in Anthracite, Standard, Mt. Olive and Franklin County Coal, Coke and Feed, Building Materials, Sand, Cement, Rock, Gravel, Lime, etc.

FOR QUICK SERVICE, PHONE OR WIRE

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16th Street and Madison Avenue, Granite City, Ill.



C. H. SMITH

C. H. Smith, local representative of the Wiles-Chipman Lumber Company, although brought here by the firm from one of their other yards, when the Granite City yard was purchased, is not a stranger to the citizens of Granite City, being a brother of Al. T. Smith of the Midland Creosote Company and a visitor here many times in the past. Mr. Smith has been with the Wiles-Chipman Lumber Company for the past six years and has been engaged in the lumber business practically all his life. He started at the bottom of the ladder and by hard work and industry has worked himself up to a position of trust and responsibility. He is a man of friendly nature and fits in readily with the spirit of doing things in Granite City, being a regular attendant at the meetings of the Granite City Commercial Club and otherwise taking an active part in work for the development of Granite City.

## Wiles-Chipman Lumber Co.

17th and State Street  
Granite City, Illinois

Granite City has always been fortunate in "choosing" her business men; they have always proven to be men of ability, energy and civic pride. Look over the roster of Granite City's successful business men and you will find a "roll of honor" of men who have worked hard to put our little metropolis "on the map" in capital letters.

We have among us a new firm, made of the Granite City sinew and fibre, composed of men who have in other places made a big success of their business, who have been prominently identified in civic matters elsewhere, and have now opened a branch lumber company here and are with us heart and soul—the Wiles-Chipman Lumber Company of St. Louis, organized in 1918 with a capital of \$700,000.

They carry an extensive line of yellow pine, hard and soft woods, everything in mill work, all kinds of roofing and builders' hardware for both the retail and wholesale trade, making a specialty of high grade lumber.

A few months ago, in order to better handle the rapidly increasing volume of business that was being secured locally, they purchased the George D. Hope lumber yards in this city at 17th and State streets.

The officers of the corporation, as well as those in charge of the local management, are vitally interested in the welfare and progress of Granite City and are the type of men to put push and money behind their convictions and help to build even a bigger and better Granite City. The wonderful future of Granite City and the progressive spirit that is shown in every walk of life, were the two big factors that induced the Wiles-Chipman Lumber Company to locate here.

The progress of the Wiles-Chipman Lumber Company has been like that of Granite City, rapid and forward. The company had but one yard when first organized. Quality products, with prompt and efficient service back of them, has built the volume of business that now makes it necessary to maintain eight yards.

"Nothing too large, nothing too small, an armful or a train load; you get service no matter what the size of the order is," was the way one representative of the company put it, "and we ship all over the United States," he added. Prospective builders of homes will do well to consult with this firm when making their plans.



JOHN P. BAKER

John P. Baker, another representative, is also an active member of the Granite City Commercial Club and Lodge of Elks, No. 1063, and of course needs no introduction to any resident of the Tri-Cities, having been in charge of the George D. Hope Lumber Company yard since 1903; and when the St. Louis firm took over the local yard, Mr. Baker was considered a valuable asset of the purchased business for he knows the lumber business "all the way down the line" and during his long service with the Hope firm has built up a reputation for 'square deal' service that made all the customers of the old firm likewise customers of the new.

**The Smith-Baker combination in charge of the local yard of the Wiles-Chipman Lumber Company cannot fail to produce results satisfactory alike to Granite City Builders and the Wiles-Chipman Lumber Company.**





JOHN B. HARRIS

One of the active participants in the rapid growth and development of Granite City during the past 15 years and more has been J. B. Harris, the well known lawyer of Granite City.

Mr. Harris came to Granite City 16 years ago, from his home in Alton, immediately after he was admitted to practice law, and has been continuously engaged in the law practice here since that time. During these years he has built up an enviable reputation as a lawyer of ability and integrity. In 1917 Mr. Harris was elected City Attorney of Granite City, and at the expiration of his term of office was appointed Corporation Counselor of the City, which office he held until the expiration of his term last May. In the latter office he particularly distinguished himself by his handling of the many difficult and intricate problems that presented themselves for solution.

Mr. Harris was born and reared in Madison County. After his graduation from high school, he worked in the Alton glass factory and at other places and studied law at night, being his own tutor. He was a charter member of the first unskilled laborers' union ever organized at Alton. Since coming to Granite City he has always taken an active part in public affairs. He has been a member of the Granite City Commercial Club since its organization, and is a member of the Madison County and Tri-City Bar Associations, being president of the latter association. Three years ago he organized the Granite City Park District, which later established Wilson and Memorial Parks. Mr. Harris is married and is the proud father of eight children—four boys and four girls.

**JOHN EICHELBERGER,**  
**WATCHMAKER AND**  
**JEWELER.**  
1926 State Street.

John Eichelberger, the enterprising young chap in charge of the jewelry store and watch repairing shop at 1926 State street, first started in this line of business back in 1908, when he entered the employ of Ben Massie on 19th street.

Mr. Eichelberger worked for Mr. Massie during his spare time while attending school and after graduating with the 1912 Class from McKinley High School, he devoted all of his time to the work of learning the watchmaking trade. In 1916 he left Granite City to take up a more extensive study and training in the work and entered the employ of the Elgin National Watch makers, where he worked under the supervision and guidance of the factory experts until entering the U. S. service in 1918. Two years with Uncle Sam and he returned again to his work at the Elgin factory and in October 1920, he returned to this city and located at 1926 State street where he is building up a fine business.

The knowledge of watchmaking and repairing gained while working at the Elgin factory has stood Mr. Eichelberger in good stead in his business and he is rapidly making a name for himself in this particular line of work. Although he is busy with the affairs of business, Mr. Eichelberger has not forgotten his days with the boys in khaki and he takes a keen interest in the work of the Tri-City Post, American Legion. At the present time he is the Adjutant of the Post, and fills that office in a very capable manner.

Credit for many of the scenes and pictures in this booklet is due to the Art Shoppe Studio, O. W. Lane, Prop., 19th and E Streets, Granite City, Ill.

## Funny



## Column

### Dr. Elliot Slipped a Cog.

Wm. Lawrence, Bishop of Massachusetts, told this story at a recent reunion of the Class of '71, at Harvard College:

"Once when there was a vacancy in the Massachusetts bishopric, Phillip Brooks was the most likely candidate. I was talking with President Eliot one day and, in the course of conversation, I said to him 'Do you think Brooks will be elected?'"

"Well, no," said Dr. Eliot, "a second or third rate man would do as well."

"Phillip Brooks was elected and a short time afterward Dr. Eliot and I were talking again. 'Glad Brooks was elected, aren't you?' I asked."

"I suppose so," returned Dr. Eliot, "but to tell the truth, William, you were my man."

### Half-a-Duck Deep.

Coming to a river with which he was unfamiliar, a traveler asked a youngster if it was deep.

"No," replied the boy, and the rider started to cross, but soon found that he and his horse had to swim for their lives.

When the traveler reached the other side he turned and shouted: "I thought you said it wasn't deep?"

"It isn't," was the reply; "it only takes grandfather's ducks up to their middles."—Pittsburg Chronicle-Telegraph.

### Wise From Experience.

"Richard," said Mrs. Nagatem, "your manners are getting worse. Today at Mrs. Smith's I saw you take your handkerchief and wipe off the chair before you sat down. And, worst of all, her darling little boy was watching you."

"Yes, my dear," replied Mr. Nagatem, "and I was watching the darling little boy, too. I'm too old to get caught on that bent pin stuff."—Pittsburg Chronicle-Telegraph.

### Missing Evidence.

"Maria!" roared Mr. Gayboy, "where on earth is my hat?" "I'm sure I don't know!" retorted his wife, coldly, still showing signs of the family scene which had marked hubby's return home in the wee sma' hours.

"You ought to!" snorted the man, "I can't keep a thing about this house! It's a shame the way things disappear without any apparent reason! I would just like to know where that hat is!"

"So would I," replied the lady, meaningly. "You didn't have it on when you came home last night!"

### Picturesqueness Unappreciated.

"Isn't there a moonshine distillery somewhere up in these hills?"

"No," replied Uncle Bill Bottletop. "We used to keep one for scenery, but too many summer boarders got peevish when they found they couldn't take it seriously."—Washington Star.

### Confident.

"My boy, if I give you this job I want you to work hard and become a member of the firm some day."

"All right, boss," said the alert youngster. "Just tell that guy in the office next to you that I'll be moving in about ten years from now and I want a desk with a couple of push buttons."—Birmingham Age-Herald.

### Feminine Logic.

"We are being followed by a man. Which of us is he after?"

"You, of course—it is my husband."—Lustige Blaetter, Berlin.

### Medical Attendance.

Doctor: "And is your cough any easier?"

Woman Patient: "Yes, I have coughed all night and am now used to it."

### THE LOHMANN PHARMACY, 21ST AND G STREETS.

The Lohmann Pharmacy, located in the Lohmann Building at Twenty-first and G. streets, is one of the recent business enterprises of Granite City. The store was opened by August Lohmann, Jr. October 23 1921, the location being the same as that of his father, the late August Lohmann, Sr., who conducted a saloon in the building in the days before prohibition.

The drug store has proven a splendid popular establishment and is enjoying a trade from all parts of the city.

### When Nelson Quit "Cussin'."

When Senator Nelson was governor of Minnesota one of his cronies was an Episcopal minister, Dr. Wilcox. "The Old Viking" was in the habit of "cussing" whenever he felt like it and the presence of the churchman did not deter him in the least. Dr. Wilcox talked to Gov. Nelson frequently about the swearing habit and tried to break him of it, but without success. One day they were sitting in the governor's office and when something in the conversation aroused Gov. Nelson he spoke his mind freely and interspersed his discourse liberally with expletives.

"Why in the ———— don't you cut that out?" demanded Dr. Wilcox.

Gov. Nelson was amazed and finally said: "Well, if my cussing sounds as bad as yours, I will." And he did.

### Making It Unanimous.

It was married men's night at the revival meeting.

"Let all you husbands who have troubles on your minds stand up!" shouted the minister at the height of his appeal.

Instantly every man in the church arose except one.

"Ah!" exclaimed the minister, peering out at this lone individual, who occupied a chair near the door. "You are one in a million."

"It ain't that," piped back this one, helplessly, as the rest of the congregation gazed suspiciously at him. "I can't get up; I'm paralyzed."—Exchange.

### A Regular Superman.

A farm hand who had worked every day in the week from dawn till late at night, finishing the chores by lantern light, went to the farmer at the end of the month and said: "I'm going to quit. You promised me a steady job of work."

"Well, haven't you got one?" was the astonished reply.

"No," said the worker. "There are three or four hours every night I don't have anything to do except fool away my time sleeping."—Buffalo Times.

### They Couldn't Help It.

Two friends met in the Strand the morning after an airplane raid.

"Any damage done your way?" the first asked.

"Damage! Rather!" answered the other. "Father and mother were blown clean out of the window. The neighbors say it's the first time they've been seen to leave the house together in seventeen years."—New York Globe.

### Just "Spuds."

Mose, an inhabitant of the backwoods, had, upon making a trip to the city, decided to take dinner at a cafe. Upon inspecting the menu, Mose's eye fell upon the item, "French fried potatoes," and to satisfy his curiosity, ordered some.

After having partaken of a portion of his order, the dusky backwoodsman remarked, "Huh! This yere-all plain 'Nited States spuds!"

### The Same Old Story.

He: "Do you know, Lisa, which of you girls of the village I like best?"

She: Yes; it is always the one you happen to be alone with.—Meggendorfer Blaetter, Munich.

### Three What?

Heard since July 1st: "As I was saying," he said, "we entered the cafe and had no more than seated ourselves at the table and said to the waiter, 'Bring us three'—when a fellow showed his badge and said, 'Three what?' and we said, 'plates of beans.'"

A complete line of drugs and druggists' sundries are handled by the store, besides a complete line of stationery, books, toilet supplies, perfumes, cigars, tobacco, etc.

Mr. Lohmann is well known in the city and is one of the young and promising business men of the community.

The pharmacy is at one block from the street railway junction and enjoys quite a deal of transient business because of its location.

An excellent prescription department is one of the assets of the firm.

THIS SPLENDID BUILDING, AT THE CORNER OF 24TH AND D STREETS, IS OCCUPIED BY THE

## W. A. FREY GROCERY & MEAT MARKET



Mr. Frey, better known as Arthur to his large list of friends and customers, has worked at the butcher trade for the past ten years here in the Tri-Cities, and last year he built this fine place, where he is building up a big volume of business through his quality meats and groceries carried in stock, and the courteous and prompt service given.

### THE MADISON PLANING MILL, FRANK GUTH, PROPRIETOR.

In bye gone days, it was the man with a saw and hatchet, who in a rough, crude, way, hewed out of rough lumber the doors, window frames and trim work that went into the making of a home, but today modern wood working machinery, turns out the work in a far more efficient and quicker manner, getting the finished supplies to the home builders in superior shape than could be done in the olden days.

With modern machinery to aid him, man builds better homes, builds them quicker and more cheaply than he could ever hope to do working with only hand tools alone.

And it is this aid the Madison Planing Mill, with its up to date machinery for handling the finest kind of exterior and interior finish, in fact, mill work of all kind, extends to the home builders here in the Tri-Cities. This planing mill is in a position to handle orders, of any size, large or small, from the home owner, contractor, or the wholesale lumber dealer.

Frank Guth, the owner and proprietor of the planing mill, is a man of broad and extended experience; his training as a building contractor in the past, gives him valuable knowledge in the conduct of his business of what the customer wants, and he is ready to render prompt and efficient service to any in need of mill work.

Estimates will be furnished to those planning any kind of building work and if an order is placed, the prices will be found to be very reasonable and the workmanship first-class in every respect.

The planing mill is located at 13th and State street just on the border line of Granite City and Madison. The capacity of the plant has been trebled during the past years and it bids fair to stand out as one of the leading smaller industries of the Tri-Cities within the very near future.

### PRIMROSE AND SON, AUTO EXPRESS AND DELIVERY SERVICE.

Every thriving community must have a local system of transportation and delivery of freight and express. The Tri-Cities are extremely fortunate in this respect, Oscar Primrose and his son, Ralph, having a fleet of three big auto trucks in daily operation between the Tri-Cities, East St. Louis and St. Louis.

Mr. Primrose has been engaged in this line of work here for the past fifteen years and has been assisted by his son for the past five years. Previous to entering this field of business Mr. Primrose was employed as a roller at the Granite City Steel Works.

He has always been active in civic affairs and willing to assume his share of responsibility in the work of the community, having served as a member of the Granite



WM. KAISER, MANAGER TRI-CITY POSTING AND DISTRIBUTING CO.

William Kaiser, head of the Tri-City Posting and Distributing Company, located in Granite City in 1912, coming here from Madison, has by his industry and perseverance, developed a business here in the Tri-Cities that is growing larger with each passing year.

Starting first with a system of door to door distribution and carrying bills and circulars in bags, Mr. Kaiser has build up the distribution of circulars to such an extent that he now uses two trucks in his business, one for delivery of circulars and the other one for bill posting work.

He operates a series of bulletin boards along the hard road and has a number of larger bill boards located in various parts of the Tri-Cities, having two crews, seven in each crew to take care of the circular distribution work, one crew of three men on the bill posting job and a crew of two men painting sign boards.

Mr. Kaiser is a member of the national association of "Exclusive Distributors" and has been doing about four-fifths of the total distribution work in the Tri-Cities during the past two years.

Real Estate is now claiming a share of Mr. Kaiser's attention and recently he has opened up several new sub-divisions, with which he is meeting with considerable success.

His office is located at 1908 State street.

City Board of Education for several years. Patrons of the Primrose and Son Auto Express have always found that they get the best of service at a very reasonable price.

In addition to the freight and express work with the big auto trucks, during the seasonable months Mr. Primrose makes a specialty of taking out parties of young folks for moonlight rides, a very reasonable fee being charged for such trips.



The Michel Bros. Grocery & Meat Market  
22ND AND E STREETS, GRANITE CITY, ILL.



## HOLSINGER-THEIS AND COMPANY



1917 E Street, Granite City, Ill.

In 1908 J. W. Holsinger began writing insurance in Granite City and he was joined in 1919 by Chas. H. Theis and shortly afterwards they began operations in real estate. In 1922, A. H. Ruwisch, together with these two, organized the Granite City Abstract and Title Company. In April 1923, Leonard Carson became associated with the business which by then was known as the Insurance Store and was operated under the firm name of Holsinger & Theis. In January 1924, the four above named organized a corporation known as Holsinger-Theis & Company to engage in the general lines of insurance and real estate.

The chief purpose of such a corporation was to give it permanence to the business which could not be had otherwise. They handle all lines of insurance: life, fire, tornado, accident and health, burglary, plate glass, public liability, workmen's compensation, property damage, steam boiler, holdup and robbery, and automobile in all its lines; fire, theft, collision, liability and property damage. They also write surety, fidelity and judicial bonds.

The real estate operations are chiefly confined to residence property and they make a specialty of selling homes to working men on small down payments and monthly payments thereafter. In addition to this they make loans on residence property and make investments for those desiring first mortgage loans and are in an exceptional position to do this since they can investigate the title, write all the insurance connected with this proposition, collect the interest and in every way safeguard the investor's money.

## A. J. KAHLE AND SON

Paint, Paper, Glass and Hardware  
D Street and Niedringhaus Avenue  
Granite City, Ill.

A. J. Kahle, senior member of the firm, was born in St. Louis County November 2, 1862, and when but a small child moved to a farm in Venice Township, where the Commonwealth Steel Company plant is today.

He was engaged in farming near this city until 1905 when he started a hardware store over on State street, where he remained for two years. Growth of the business then forced him to seek larger quarters and Mr. Kahle leased a store room in the Morriss building, which had about twice the amount of space as the former location.

In three years time the new quarters proved inadequate for the ever-increasing business and the H. H. Bischoff building at Niedringhaus avenue and D street was purchased. This place had three times the floor space but last year this building became too small so the Daniels building was purchased, the partitions removed from between the two store rooms and the entire place remodeled. This addition gave about one-third more floor space to the store and today the firm has a store with a floor space of 21,810 square feet.

L. E. Kahle, the junior member of the firm, was born near Granite City August 28, 1889 and resided with his father on the farm until the family moved to this city in 1903. At that time he obtained employment in a grocery store, where he worked until 1905 when he went to work for his father in the hardware store. In August 1910, Mr. Kahle took his son into partnership in the firm and turned the active management of the store over to him. The close care and attention that the son has given to the business has built up one of the largest hardware stores in this part of the State.

Both members of the firm are deeply interested in anything pertaining to the welfare of the community and are willing to work and boost for anything that means greater progress. The firm holds membership in the Granite City Commercial Club.

## Huxel Electric Company, Niedringhaus Ave.



W. W. HUXEL

When this firm started in business at the present location back in March 1922, neither member needed an introduction to any local resident for both boys were born and reared in the vicinity of Granite City and attended the public schools here.

Wm. Huxel was employed with the National Enameling and Stamping Company after leaving school for a period of 16 years, until he went into the present business. Herman Huxel was connected with the A. J. Kahle & Son Hardware Company for about ten years, and in January 1923 joined his brother in the electrical business.

Their life long acquaintance with the residents of the Tri-Cities, of course, has been one of the reasons why the firm has been a success right from the start, but the real big reason for the growth of the business has been the character of the boys, also the quality of the merchandise handled and the highly efficient service rendered by them.

The Huxel firm is the sole distributor of Western Electric Products here in the Tri-Cities, which includes the famous Western Electric Washers and Vacuum Cleaners.

In addition to doing electrical contracting work, the firm carries a stock of lighting fixtures and household appliances and is the local agency for the Kelvinator Iceless ice box and the Riddle line of electric fixtures.



H. F. HUXEL

## The Carp Dry Goods Company



HARRY CARP

1305-07-09 19th Street  
Granite City, Ill.

The Carp Dry Goods Company of which Harry Carp is president, Rosamond Carp, vice-president and Avery Carp, secretary and treasurer, has had a record of exceptional progress since locating here in the summer of 1920, the original quarters being in the store room at 1305 and 1307 19th street, and later taking over the store room at 1309, formerly occupied by the Krite Hardware Co.

In the fall of 1923 a down stairs Economy Store was opened and the Carp establishment now has over twice the floor space as when first established not quite four years ago.

Last spring the firm remodeled the front of their store and now a modern show front of over 75 feet displays new and wanted merchandise to the shoppers of Granite City.

New lines are being constantly added and they now have as complete a department store, with the exception of outer apparel and shoes, as is found in any city this size.

Among the merchandise carried is a full line of dress materials, yard goods, art needle work, hosiery, notions, curtains, draperies, novelty goods and complete furnishings for women, children and men.

All members of the Carp family have been active in civic and fraternal work since locating here. Mrs. Carp being a member of the Eastern Star as is the daughter, Miss Rosamond, who is also active in the work of the Granite City Business Women's Club. Mr. Carp and Avery are both members of the 19th Street Improvement Association, the Commercial Club and the Elks, as well as the Masonic Order.



AVERY CARP



# MEN AND BUSINESS ORGANIZATIONS WHO ARE HELPING TO BUILD A BIGGER AND BETTER TOWN



**GEO. D. MABON, THE WHITE STAR RESTAURANT MAN.**

"They sure feed you good." That's the way all of the patrons of the White Star Restaurant, now in its new location at 19th and E streets, all talk about Geo. D. and Mrs. M. A. Mabon, the proprietors of the place.

And from the way those patrons fill the place at meal time, three times a day and in between times, as well, sure gives weight to the assertion that the food is well cooked and properly served.

Mr. Mabon was formerly in business in a small room of the Molthrop Building but the place was entirely inadequate to care for the scope of his trade and when the opportunity offered a few weeks ago, for him to take over the place at 19th and E streets, the change in location was made, and there has been delight in the hearts of hundreds of down towners ever since.

Mr. Mabon is a busy man, but not too busy to take an active part in civic affairs and he is a member of the Granite City Commercial Club, the 19th Street Improvement Association and Elks.

Members of the Granite City Rotary Club are delighted with the fact that Mr. Mabon takes care of the weekly luncheon of the club at the Elks every Tuesday.

"The right man in the right place" was the verdict when Mr. Mabon took over the 19th and E street restaurant, and the record he has made since then proves that the verdict is right.

**CARL GRAHAM, POST CARDS, STATIONERY AND BOOKS.**



Here is the place to get your picture post cards and souvenirs of Granite City, the "Industrial Magnet of the West." Post cards, stationery, magazines, latest works of fiction and novelties of every description are to be found here.

Where is it? Over at the corner of D street and Niedringhaus avenue, and if you can't find it, just ask any boy scout to direct you for Carl Graham, the proprietor, has been connected with the local Boy Scout movement since it first started and is the good friend of all the scouts. Carl is not only active in the Scout work but he is also a member of the Granite City Rotary Club and whenever there is a call made for civic work of any nature, this young man can be depended upon to respond to the full extent of his ability.

And because he is an all around hustler and booster, he is building up a business that is right in keeping with the progress of Granite City, bigger and better all the time.



**ALBERT MICHEL, A Progressive Grocer of Granite City**



**SAM BARNHOLZ, POPULAR Proprietor of Union Cigar Store.**

Sam Barnholz, proprietor of the cigar store and billiard parlor just next door from the Woolworth five and ten is a mighty lucky chap for he has a splendid business at that location and he has a mighty good looking lady there, who is his partner in the business as well as his partner in the matrimonial game, and it would be hard to say to which of the two the most credit belongs for the popularity the establishment enjoys.

Sam is one of the leaders in business activity along 19th street, being a member of the 19th Street Improvement Association, as well as the Granite City Commercial Club. He is a member of the Masonic Lodge and the Shriners.

Visitors in Granite City should not overlook a visit to this establishment when they desire anything in cigars, cigarettes, tobacco or wish to seek relaxation in a friendly game of skill at billiards.

**JAMES HOGAN, PROPRIETOR, HOGAN JEWELRY CO.**



James Hogan, who has that wonderful jewelry establishment just across from the Washington Theatre, on 19th street, is another one of Granite City's wide awake hustling business men, as can be proven to the full satisfaction of any one who pays a visit to the store.

For therein the visitor will find diamonds and gems of every size and description, Gruen Watches, Richleu Pearls, Gorham Sterling Silver, Roger's 1847 Silver, Community Silver, Seth Thomas Chime Clocks.

Selling good jewelry isn't the only thing Mr. Hogan does to occupy his time for he is a member of the Granite City Commercial Club, 19th Street Improvement Association, Elks Club and several other fraternal organizations.

He can always be relied upon to take an active interest in anything that means a boost for a bigger and better Granite City.

**LOUIS WEISS Okeh Phonograph Man**



Louis Weiss, what time he isn't putting into building up the Tri-Cities Post of the American Legion, spends some time at 1836 State street, where he is the proprietor of the Okeh Phonograph Company, and sells Artophone phonographs and the latest jazz records to an ever increasing number of customers.

Mr. Weiss served in the 84th Division and with the 91st Division during the late war.

He is a member of the Granite City Commercial Club, the Granite City Lodge of Elks and is active in both organizations.



**ARTHUR ROMAN, LIFE INSURANCE MAN AND COM'L CLUB SECRETARY.**

Arthur Roman, Life Insurance; secretary of the Granite City Commercial Club, also of the 19th Street Improvement Association, member of the Granite City Rotary Club, Elks, Masons and we don't know how many other orders. The subject of this sketch isn't very large but he sure fits in on some man sized jobs and how he finds time to handle all of the work in the efficient manner that he does, and sell Life Insurance too, is something that he alone knows the secret of.

But he does it, and he does it well, as can be attested by the showing made by the Commercial Club since he applied some of his "pep" in lining things up, getting delinquent members to pay up and having new ones sign on the dotted line.

Aside from these minor duties, Arthur can always be relied upon to hold up his end of the job in any kind of civic work and his untiring efforts in the various organizations is just another one of the factors that is building up a bigger and better Granite City.

And if you think for one minute he don't know anything about Life Insurance, just give him an opportunity and a few minutes time and he will have you signing on the dotted line or convinced that you simply must do it within the very near future.

**ERNIE THOMPSON, PROPRIETOR OF CARRIE'S CAFE**



"An army travels on its stomach" was the saying of a famous general of history; which, of course, was only another way of saying that the soldiers had to be fed right before they could fight right.

Peace-times have the armies of workers that have to be fed and down at the busy place on D street, known as Carrie's Cafe, and presided over by that genial chap known as Ernie Thompson, a regular army is fed daily and those good home cooked meals keep them in fighting trim for their daily toil at factory or office.

"The best, properly cooked and promptly served" is the motto of Carrie's Cafe and the fact that the restaurant is crowded to capacity every day is ample evidence that the motto is well lived up to.

Business men and visitors from out of town will find that they can get real service during the noon-hour rush at this cafe. It is located at 1837 D street and is just across the street from the Press-Record office.



**DR. B. H. KING, Well Known Physician and Surgeon of Granite City. Residence and Office, 21st and State Streets.**



**JOHN MASERANG, MANAGER, GRANITE CITY REALTY CO.**

One of the big factors in the development of any community is a real estate company, with men at the head of it that have the ability to look ahead and grasp a vision of the city as it will be in the future.

Of such a character is the Granite City Realty Company, a firm formed by the Niedringhaus interests during the early days of Granite City's history.

During the earlier days this firm built and sold many houses upon the monthly payment plan and many a business house today is here because of the activity of the Granite City Realty Company in getting outside capital interested in building here.

For the past eight years, the Granite City Realty Company has been under the able management of John Maserang, one of the past presidents of the Granite City Commercial Club and always an active worker in civic affairs. Previous to the taking over of the position of manager of the realty firm, Mr. Maserang had charge of the pickling department at the Stamping Works for a long number of years and served as alderman from the Third Ward for 13 years and acted as mayor pro tem for one year during Morgan LeMasters administration.

The Granite City Realty Company has been active in locating industries in Granite City during the past years and the company has locations that are available for industrial sites. Choice business locations as well as residence lots are listed by the realty company.

Anyone interested in an investment in Granite City would certainly find it to their advantage to deal with this firm.

**PETE DEWITT, WALL PAPER & PAINTING CONTRACTOR**



Down on "newspaper row" as they term the 1800 block on D street, is the business place of a hustling, serious-minded looking chap that deals in paper but not newspapers.

Pete DeWitt, wall paper and painting contractor, isn't near as serious as he is pictured here. In fact he is a very genial chap and has that rare faculty of making new friends and holding on to his old ones as well, and that is a big asset in any line of business.

Pete, as all of his friends call him, is a master craftsman in both paperhanging and painting and can assist you in mapping out a scheme of redecorating your home that will give you added pleasure every time you view the completed job.

He has a force of workmen that are skilled in carrying out those ideas he maps out and in his display and salesroom you will be able to find anything you want in wall paper or paints.

Aside from this particular line of business Mr. DeWitt does everything he can to help relieve the house shortage here in Granite City, having built one of the finest apartment houses in the city at 2445 C street. He also owns the building wherein his business is located.

Mr. DeWitt is a member of the Granite City Commercial Club and the Elks Lodge and always takes an active part in work of a civic nature.



**HERMAN HOFF, SHOE EXPERT 19TH AND D STREETS**

"Herman Hoff, a shoe man that knows how to fit your feet, and how to fit them with shoes that will fit your pocketbook," that would be about all that need be said to introduce to our readers, that enterprising proprietor of "Hoff's, Fine Shoes," at 19th and D streets.

Herman, as all of his many friends know him, is an old hand at the shoe business, having started in the business with his father, who is an old time custom shoe maker, and is still making fine shoes by hand. Mr. Hoff learned his trade under the tutelage of his father, serving at the bench for six years and then taking a position as a shoe salesman for a St. Louis firm. Working in that city but a short time he entered the employ of an East St. Louis firm and worked there for eleven years, leaving that position to enter into business in this city.

His entry into business here was made in 1916, starting a partnership with Rufus Ramsey at the corner of 19th and E streets. When the firm dissolved partnership last year Mr. Hoff went into business for himself in the present location and his pleasing ways and knowledge of the shoe business is causing just lots of people to put a foot into a shoe from Hoff's.

And the service they get for the price they pay, sends them back for another pair and that's the way Herman Hoff is building up a bigger business every day.

Aside from selling shoes, Mr. Hoff takes an active part in civic work, being a working member of the Nineteenth Street Improvement Association, having had charge of a large part of the work during the recent merchants' gift campaign; and is a member of the Granite City Commercial Club.

So we can pass along this advice—when you need shoes "hoof it to Hoff's."

You will find the establishment at 19th and D street and if the boss isn't in, you will find a couple of fine young chaps that will sell you what you want. For that is another of Herman's good points; he knows how to pick out good salesmen as well as how to stock up with good shoes.

**HARRY E. MCCARTHY, WOOLWORTH STORE MANAGER.**



No city of any size is complete anymore unless it has a Woolworth five and ten cent store and here in Granite City, down at the corner of 19th and E streets, is located one of these famous chain stores.

If the Woolworth company is as successful in the selection of capable men for the management of its other stores as it is in having a manager like Harry E. McCarthy of the local store, then the success of the Woolworth company is as much due to those various managers as it is due to the fact that the company handles merchandise at a popular price.

Mr. McCarthy has had charge of the Granite City store for the past 2 years and under his management it has shown remarkable progress.

Aside from his work at the store Mr. McCarthy takes an active part in civic affairs, being an active member of the Granite City Commercial Club and the 19th Street Improvement Association.



## HOYT METAL CO.

GRANITE  
CITY,  
ILLINOIS

DEALERS IN  
ALL KINDS  
OF

TYPE  
METALS AND  
KINDRED  
PRODUCTS.

DELICIOUS?

I'LL SAY IT IS!

# Pennant Syrup

Maple Flavored

Try It On Pancakes or  
Waffles These Winter Mornings

Friction Top Cans: Easy To Open,  
Easy To Close

Your Grocer Has It

UNION STARCH AND  
REFINING COMPANY  
Granite City, Ill.

## Commonwealth Human Engineering

*It is more important to prevent friction among men than in machinery. An angry or unwilling man cannot get right results from a well-lubricated machine, but a contented and willing workman does get the results and also prevents friction in the machine.*

*The successful practice of Mechanical Engineering depends upon Human Engineering. Men are more important than tools and machinery, for men think; and act as they think.*

*Human Engineering makes possible the acme of workmanship, by combining the qualities of willingness and skill.*

*In the production of Commonwealth devices for locomotives and cars it is our endeavor to eliminate from our organization that pessimism which sees a difficulty in every opportunity, and to engender that optimism which sees an opportunity in every difficulty.*

COMMONWEALTH STEEL COMPANY.

## Illinois Power and Light Corporation

A new steel tower line carrying two aluminum circuits is now under construction and will be finished sometime in March.

These circuits pass through what is known as the Tri-City Industrial District, consisting of Granite City, Venice and Madison, and will be provided with taps for service in that district, then extending on North and Eastwardly to provide ample power for the other Madison County properties.

With the completion of the new lines the district will have four 33,000-volt transmission lines and one 13,200-volt line passing through Granite City.

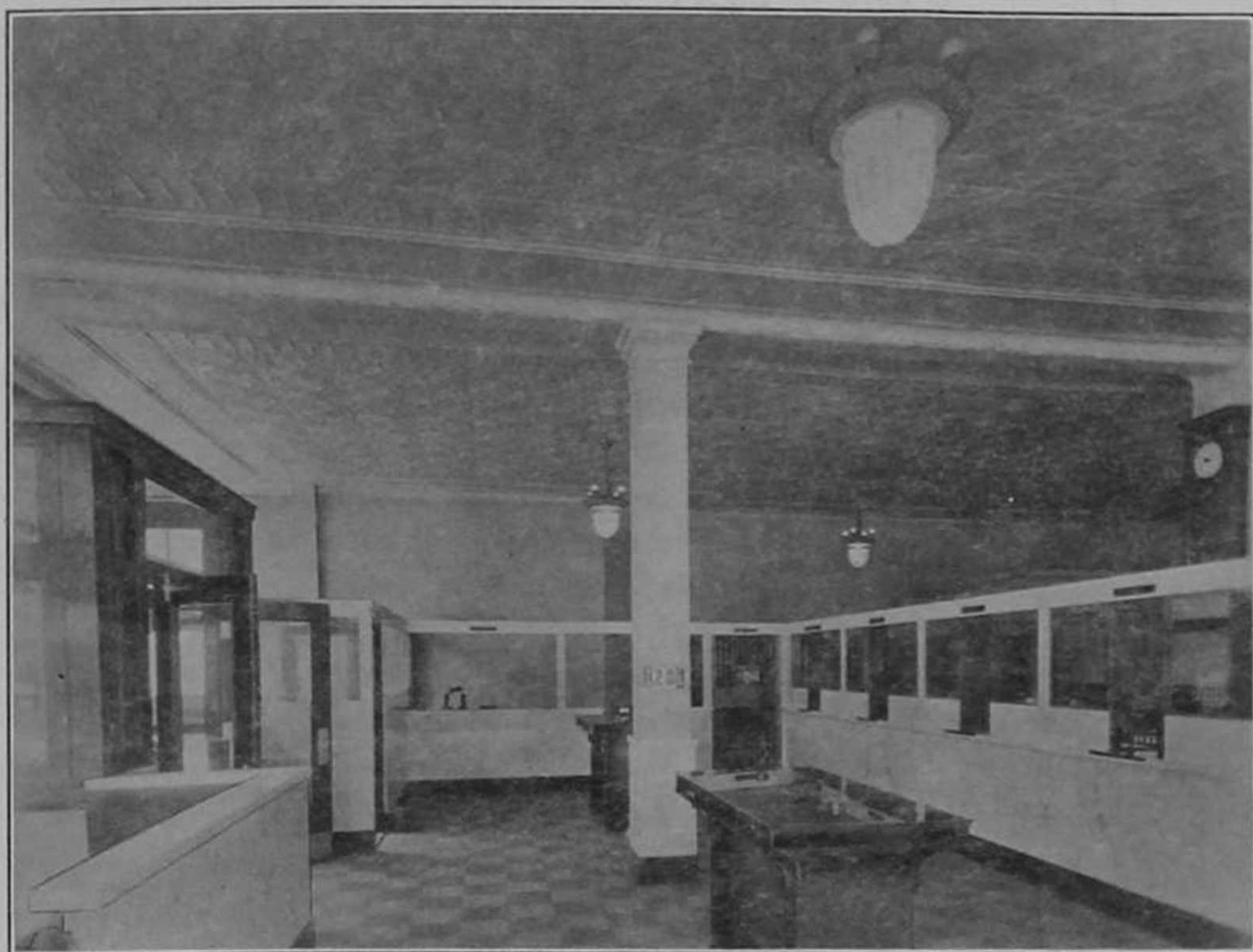
All of the lines will be so equipped that service can be easily and quickly shifted from one to the other so that serious interruptions to service for the entire Madison County district will be practically impossible from the standpoint of transmission capacity.

Operators at the Venice plant are proud of the record the plant has made. In the last five years it has operated 99.99 per cent perfect in continuous service.

The Venice plant has just completed a 7,500 k. w. turbine that is now operating successfully. Also a foundation has been built for a new 20,000 k. w. turbine that should be operating by April. With the completion of the installation of the 20,000 k. w. turbine, the Venice plant capacity will be more than ample to fulfill the needs of the various industries and communities served.

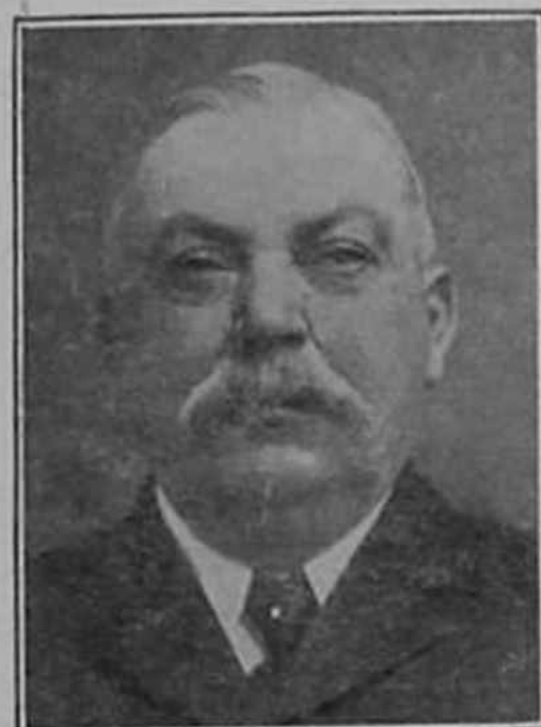


# WITH THE GRANITE CITY BANKS



The interior of the remodeled quarters of the  
**Granite City Trust and Savings Bank**  
19th and E Streets

Capital, \$100,000.00  
Surplus, \$25,000.00



F. KOHL  
President

F. Kohl, President R. C. Barney Cashier  
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G. A. Niemann, Vice Pres. Ben Schermer, Vice Pres.

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R. C. BARNEY  
Cashier



A. W. MORRISS  
Vice Pres., Granite City Trust and Savings Bank



NATHAN FLEISHMAN  
Director, Granite City Trust and Savings Bank



THOMAS LEYDEN  
Director, Granite City Trust and Savings Bank

Three banking institutions, owned and controlled by men that have done much to further the progress of Granite City, serve the banking needs of the citizens of this community. The First National Bank, The Granite City National Bank, and The Granite City Trust and Savings Bank.

The men at the head of these three banks are firm believers in keeping pace with the progress of Granite City and during the past few years have made many changes and improvements in the three banks in order to better serve the needs of their patrons.

The Granite City National Bank, which was formerly located at 19th and D streets, erected the fine structure it now occupies at Niedringhaus avenue and E streets, where it offers wonderful accommodations to its customers. Vaults of the latest and most improved design give full safety to money and valuables of every kind. In front of the bank has recently been erected a fine chimes clock, which peals forth the time in pleasing chimes each quarter hour. A large electric sign at the top of the bank flashes forth the message at night time that the Granite City National Bank offers both "Safety and Service."

The First National Bank, one of the oldest banks in the Tri-Cities, located at Niedringhaus avenue and C streets, was recently remodeled and the entire building greatly enlarged, offering much better facilities in the banking quarters than before. This bank, of which M. Henson is the head, has always been the bulwark financially for the City of Granite City, the bank cashing city vouch-

ers when funds were low and buying bonds for improvement work when a market was not to be found elsewhere. This bank is also to erect a large electric sign in the very near future.

The banking quarters of the Granite City Trust and Savings Bank, which are in the Morriss building, corner of 19th and E streets, have been remodeled and enlarged, the new interior of the bank being of a very pleasing appearance and offering many advantages over the old quarters.

Two building loan organizations, one of which has its headquarters at the Trust and Savings Bank, the Granite City Building and Loan; and the State Loan Association, which is connected with the Granite City National Bank, offer accommodations and safe investments to the business man and the home builder.



**Granite City National Bank**  
Niedringhaus Avenue and E Street

Capital, \$150,000.00 Surplus, \$50,000.00

Geo. W. Niedringhaus, Chairman  
Joseph G. Boggs, President  
Louis F. Fresen, Cashier  
Fred Kohl, Vice President  
H. F. Niedringhaus, Vice Pres.

## DIRECTORS

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Chas. Lexow  
J. B. Maserang  
Hayward Niedringhaus  
G. A. Niemann  
Walter Roman  
August Zippel  
Wm. F. Niedringhaus



LOUIS FRESEN  
Cashier



**First National Bank**  
Niedringhaus Avenue and C Street

Capital, \$100,000.00  
Surplus and Profits, \$75,000.00  
Total Resources, \$2,500,000.00

## OFFICERS

M. Henson, Pres.  
E. Rammer, Vice Pres.  
G. L. Tetherington, Cashier.  
Ferd Vorwald, Asst. Cashier

## DIRECTORS

E. Rammer  
Louis Buenger  
M. Henson  
Ferd Vorwald  
Frank Vorwald



G. L. TETHERINGTON  
Cashier



The entrance of the beautiful New Washington Theatre on 19th Street. This show house was only recently completed and is one of the finest theatres in Southern Illinois. Visitors to Granite City should not fail to visit it.

## "Breezy Bits"

### Evidence.

"You always have that same waitress in the restaurant, don't you?" said the business man.  
"Always," replied his friend.  
"She's very careful to bring me clean food."  
"How do you know?"  
"Why, today I saw her brushing the dust off my piece of custard pie with her apron."

### Ready at Last.

At last—the doctor coughed gravely.  
"I am sorry to tell you," he said, looking down at the man in the bed, "that there is no doubt you are suffering from smallpox." The patient turned on his pillow and looked up at his wife.  
"Julia," he said, in a faint voice "if any of my creditors call, tell them that at last I am in a position to give them something."

### A General Idea.

A teacher instructing her pupils in the use of the hyphen, asked them to give her an example of its use, and the word bird-cage was submitted by a small boy.  
"That's right," she encouragingly remarked. "Now, tell me why we put a hyphen in bird-cage?"  
"It's for the bird to sit on," was the startling reply.—The Furrow.

"There is said to be a great demand for \$10,000 a year men," remarked Mr. Gadspur.

"So I hear," said Mr. Dubwaite. "Any special requirements?"

"Well, I understand there isn't much talk about a five-day week and a six-hour day in \$10,000 a year circles. The idea seems to be that a man can work six days a week for eight or ten hours a day without wrecking his health, and he might even look in on the job for an hour or two Sunday, if necessary."

All the news in the P. R.

Are You a Granite City Booster?  
I-F N-O-T! W-H-Y N-O-T!

Credit for many of the scenes and pictures in this booklet is due to the Art Shoppe Studio, O. W. Lane, Prop., 19th and E Streets, Granite City, Ill.





### Giving the Telephone Life

**W**HEREVER your thought goes, your voice may go. You can talk across the continent as if face to face. Your telephone is the latch which will open any door in the land, to you.

There is the web of wires; the many switchboards; the maze of apparatus; the millions of telephones. All are parts of the great system which provides nation-wide telephone service. The equipment has cost over two billion dollars. But more than equipment is needed.

There must be the guardians of the wires to keep them vital with speech-carrying electrical currents. There must be the thousands of operators to watch the millions of tiny switchboard lights. There must be skilled workers of every sort to construct, repair and operate. A quarter of a million men and women are united to give nation-wide telephone service. With their brains and hands they make the Bell System live.

**The Southwestern Bell Telephone Co.**



UNITED FOR THE NATION'S NEED

### WHAT PEOPLE WHO KNOW SAY

*Dr. Mayo, one of the world renowned physicians, states one of the greatest blessings given to the present generation is our opportunity to bathe. He further states that one of the main factors in having good health is to keep from catching disease and the best way to do this is bathing.*

*The most important part of the bath is Hot Water.*

*Are You Prepared For This?*

*Get a gas water heater on our easy deferred payment plan. A small cash payment and the balance with your gas bill.*



**GRANITE CITY GAS CO.**

### TRANSPORTATION LEADS THE WAY TO COMMUNITY GROWTH ---

The Alton, Granite & St. Louis Traction Company is constantly working to help Granite City grow and prosper. Realizing, as we do, that the city's growth is closely linked with its street car system, we are always trying to give you better service.

We also try to assist Granite City's development by anticipating its transportation needs. Regular cars are run to carry students to and from the Community High School, and in the evening extra cars are added to get people home from work.

Our Granite City car sheds and shops employ local men with few exceptions and many of our conductors and motormen find Granite City a good place in which to live. These men are interested in the improvement of their city and to that end are constantly striving to give you better and more efficient service.

For people going to St. Louis or for St. Louis people coming to Granite City we offer the fastest and most convenient transportation as it takes just forty minutes to go from the heart of one city to the heart of the other.

The cars are clean and comfortable and are in charge of courteous and efficient men who are trying to make every customer a satisfied customer.

**ALTON, GRANITE & ST. LOUIS TRACTION CO.**

Fred E. Allen and W. H. Sawyer, Receivers

### PUT YOUR MONEY IN Granite City REAL ESTATE

All indications show that this industrial district is destined to be the greatest Coke and Iron and Steel center of the world within a few years.

Now is the time for you to acquire property in Granite City.

We have desirable sites for homes, business houses and industries on easy terms.

**Granite City  
Realty Company**  
Niedringhaus Ave. at D St. Granite City, Ill.



WILLIAM P. ANSON, REAL ESTATE



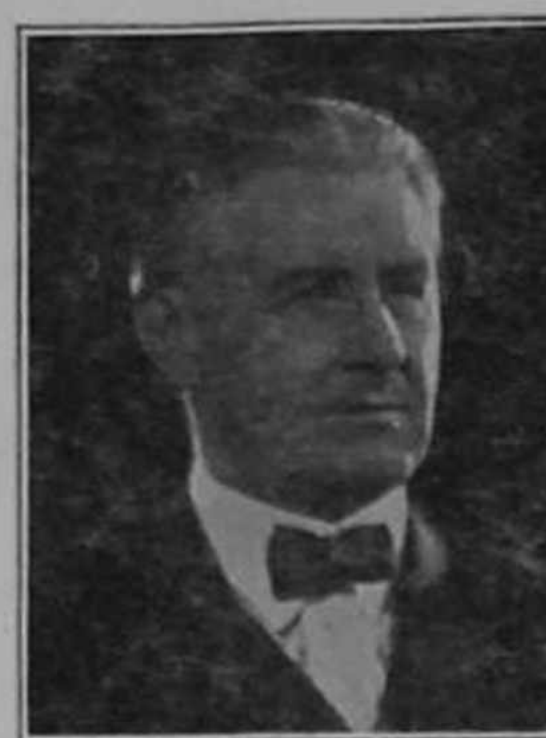
JOSEPH McGRAW, TRI-CITY MOTOR COMPANY.



R. E. STRANGE, LOCAL MANAGER OF BELL-KINLOCH TELEPHONE COMPANY.



GEORGE E. WHITTEN INSURANCE AND REAL ESTATE.



FRED S. ABRAHAM, BUILDING CONTRACTOR.



Wm. P. Anson, whose Real Estate office is in the Rialto Theatre Building on State street, is another all around booster for Granite City that is always up and doing and active in every thing that makes a bigger and better Granite City.

To describe all of his activities would require considerable space so we will have to be brief about some of the jobs he takes care of in that efficient manner all his own.

Being a salesman of lots out in Community Heights of course is the main thing on the program for "Billy" as his friends all call him.

He is a comparative newcomer in the Real Estate game, having been with the American Steel Foundries as Employment Manager until he gave up that position to enter business for himself about a year ago.

While with the American Steel Foundries Mr. Anson very capably represented that industry as a member of the executive committee of the Granite City Commercial Club, and he still takes an active part in the work of that organization.

At the present time Mr. Anson is the Exalted Ruler of the Granite City Lodge of Elks, No. 1063, and has been an untiring worker in the development of the Order here in the Tri-cities.

He does not shirk his duty in civic matters, having accepted the appointment as a member of the Board of Fire and Police Commissioners some time ago and is the Secretary of the Board.

"Work as well as talk for a better Granite City" is the motto that seems to be guiding him.

There are some salesmen that sell automobiles while others sell Fords. The chap pictured above, one Joseph McGraw by name, belongs to the latter classification and you can tell by the way you have to jump and dodge in order to keep from getting hit by a Ford every time you cross the street, that Joe McGraw don't let the grass grow under his feet when it comes to landing his prospects.

Joe was formerly with the Granite City Gas Company but decided to go into business for himself a couple of years ago, so he connected up with M. H. Jordan, and the two of them took over the Ford agency for the Tri-Cities, the firm name being the "Tri-City Motor Company." In addition to selling Fords, the firm also sells Lincoln automobiles and Fordson tractors. The salesroom and service station of the firm is located at 1818 C street, where they are building up a business that is second to none.

The fact that you have to line up to get an order through for a car is ample proof that these two young men are selling Fords.

In addition to selling Fords, Lincolns and Tractors, and looking after service trouble calls, Joe is a member of the Granite City Rotary Club, the Commercial Club, Elks, Moose and several other organizations.

As a willing worker for the progress and development of Granite City Joe lines right up in the first rank.

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When this chap comes down the street, people say, "that's strange" and sure enough, they are right for it is R. E. Strange that hard working local manager of the Bell Telephone Company, who is now in charge of the Tri-City division of the consolidated Bell-Kinloch system.

But there is nothing strange about this young man except his name and the exceptional way he labors all the time to better the local telephone service.

For this young man takes a real personal interest in giving patrons of the telephone company the very best service that is possible to give and if there is trouble on the line, a call to the headquarters down on E street will bring some one to look after it.

Right now friend Strange has a big job on his hands for workmen are busy taking down cables and wires from the poles in the downtown district and replacing them underground; the two telephone systems are also being merged into one at the present time and in the resulting confusion and turmoil, some interruptions to the service are bound to happen.

Mr. Strange is a member of the Granite City Commercial Club and has always been active in the work of that organization. He is a resident of this city and takes a keen interest in anything pertaining to the welfare or progress of Granite City.

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"Let George Do It" is a saying that might have been originated right here in Granite City, for when there is any kind of a job of a civic nature that comes up and requires some real work to put it over, one will find that George E. Whitten is usually serving on the committee or is giving the movement his active support.

For the insurance and real estate business is just a side line with Mr. Whitten, work for the community is his real hobby and goes at the job, whatever it may be, in a whole-hearted way that usually gets the thing done.

Mr. Whitten has been located in Granite City since 1901 and has the oldest established insurance agency in point of continuous service, in the Tri-Cities, writing insurance of every kind, Fire, Tornado, Liability, Boiler, Accident, Automobile, Plate Glass, etc.

His office is located at 1906 D street.

Mr. Whitten has been active in the work of the Granite City Commercial Club for years and has served on some very important committees from that organization. At the present time he is a member of the executive committee of the Commercial Club and also a member of the board of directors of the 19th Street Improvement Association.

Mr. Whitten has been active in the work of the Boy Scout movement here and is a member of the Tri-City Council.

Active in every phase of community work, Mr. Whitten never fails when duty calls and he really devotes more time to civic affairs than he can spare from his business.

He is a member of the Granite City Board of Fire and Police Commissioners. He is a member of the Elks, Masons, Knights of Pythias and other fraternal organizations.

All the news in the P. R.

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WALTER A. REESE, DRUGGIST, OPPOSITE POST OFFICE, NIEDRINGHAUS AVE.

Walter A. Reese, proprietor of Reese Drug Store, across from the Post Office, took charge of this store about fourteen months ago. Mr. Reese's record in building up a paying drug business, and gaining the good will and confidence of the general public is well worthy of note.

Mr. Reese is a young man, but has wide experience in the drug business. Before locating in this city, he was manager and buyer, for the Grand-Olive Drug Store, and the Union Station Drug Store, St. Louis, Mo.

Mr. Reese served with the U. S. forces in France with the second division. While in service he was promoted to senior Hospital sergeant. He is Vice-Commander of Tri-City Post, American Legion, and is active in all work pertaining to the ex-service men's problems. He is also a member of Granite City Lodge of Elks.

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Fred. S. Abraham, a Rotarian, Commercial Club member, member of the Elks, Contractors' Association and otherwise a regular sort of a booster, is a contractor who is vitally interested in solving the shortage of homes here in Granite City.

Mr. Abraham has offices in the Holstein Bldg., on 19th street, and plans have come forth from that office which will mean more homes for Granite City within the very near future.

Starting in railroad construction work some twelve or more years ago, on the legal end of the job, Mr. Abraham put in four years with one of the largest construction companies of the city of Chicago and gained a deep insight as to what can be accomplished in cutting construction costs in carrying out building operations upon a large scale.

He has been in the building construction game for the past four years for himself and in the East Side industrial district has built about four hundred houses during that time.

Last year he built forty houses in the Alton-Roxana-Granite City territory. He now has three 4-family buildings under construction for the Chicago Trust Company.

Housing plans upon a large scale are of special interest to Mr. Abraham and that is one big reason why he sought a location in a city for the shortage of homes here is a problem that is of vital importance to the future growth of the city.

And Mr. Abraham builder of homes, is here to help out in the solution of the housing problem.

#### FAULKNER AND MOORE, LAWYERS.

Harry Faulkner and T. P. Moore compose the membership of the law firm of Faulkner & Moore. Mr. Faulkner has been in active practice for fifteen years in Granite City. Mr. Moore has practiced a longer time with the exception of the war period, when he served as an officer in the Artillery in over-seas service. Mr. Moore was formerly an active prosecuting attorney for the Federal Government in Pure Food and Drug cases and at one time served as an instructor in the law department of St. Louis University. He came to Granite City with his family in 1920.

Both members of the firm are graduates of the Law Department of Washington University, members of Phi Delta Phi Legal Fraternity. Their firm is recognized as one of the leading law firms in the country, and besides a general practice are attorneys for the school boards of Granite City, East Side Levee and Sanitary District and at the present Mr. Moore is the City Attorney. Mr. Faulkner has formerly served as City Attorney and Corporation Counselor.

In all civic affairs they take an active part and give their professional services freely on such matters. Mr. Faulkner married Miss Kate Voight and they have four daughters, Margaret, Catherine, Clare and Florence. Mr. Moore was married in St. Louis to Miss He Hill and resides at 2440 C street with their two sons, Jack and Dan.

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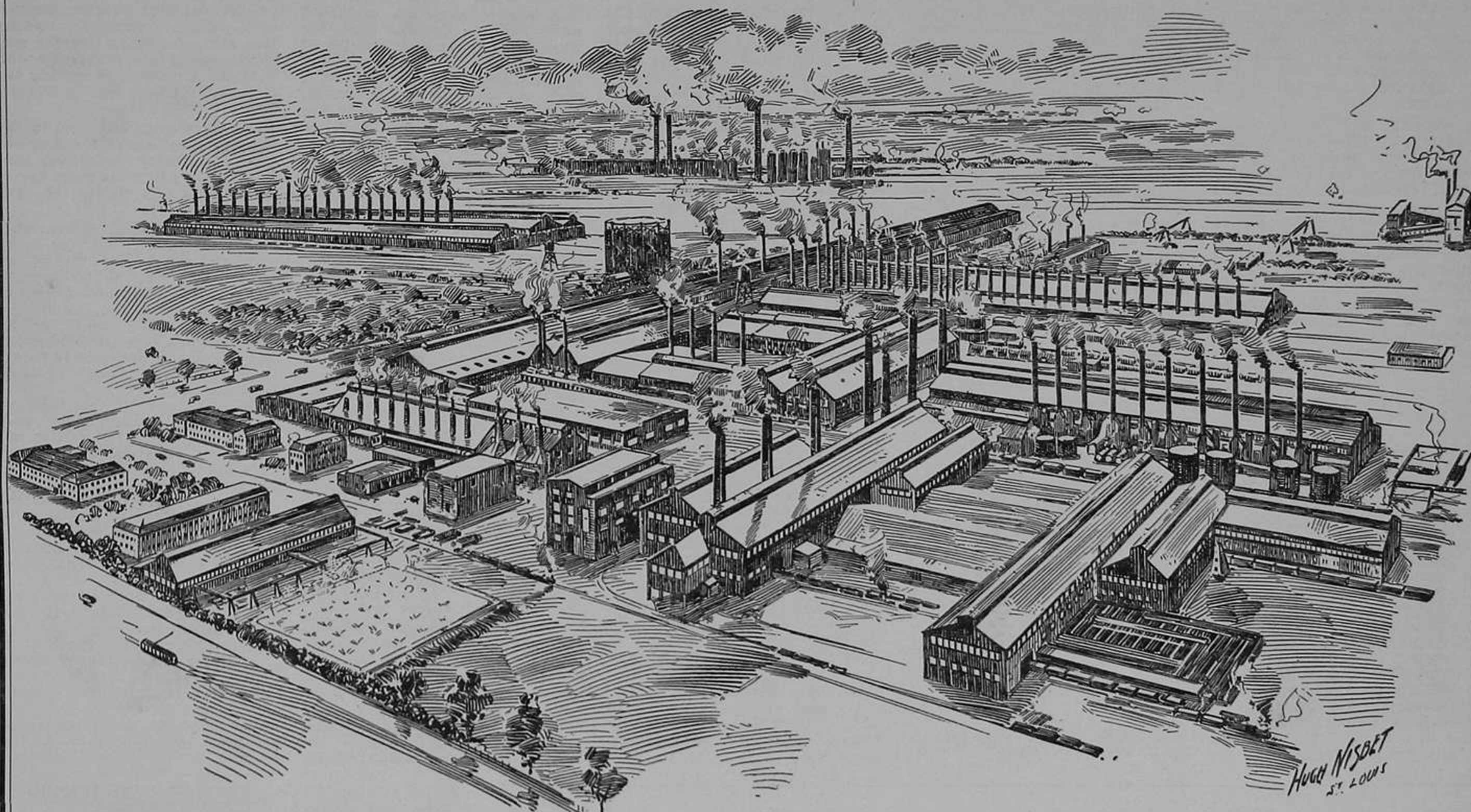
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**J. K. JONES, Real Estate and Investments**

J. K. Jones, whose real estate office is at 1320 Niedringhaus avenue, is a good man to see, if you have property to dispose of or if you are seeking to invest your money in a home or to the best advantage in Granite City real estate.

For J. K. Jones has been in the real estate business here in Granite City for the past 13 years and has a wide knowledge of local property values. He has considerable property listed with him for sale and is in a position to handle any kind of a deal in local real estate.

Mr. Jones is a member of the Granite City Commercial Club, the Granite City Lodge of Elks, Loyal Order of Moose, and is now serving a term as alderman of the Second Ward, being chairman of the finance committee in the City Council.

He is active in all work of civic nature and is considered one of the progressive citizens of this community.

**ART SHOPPE STUDIO, 19TH AND E STREETS****Ora W. Lane**

"The Art Shoppe Studio," one of those picture taking establishments which you visit and come away disappointed unless the camera improves upon your looks about four hundred per cent, is presided over by a genial young chap by the name of Ora W. Lane, who knows how to make good pictures as can be seen by the many views in and around Granite City that are reproduced in this magazine.

Mr. Lane also made a large number of the portraits herein pictured, and although most of it was rush work of the extreme variety, nearly all of the pictures being finished the same day as the sitting was made in order to have the engravings made up in time for publication, any one that knows these chaps herein pictured, knows full well that the camera did all of them full justice and that Mr. Lane should not be blamed for something that Nature wished off on them.

Mr. Lane's studio is located upstairs, in the building at 19th and E streets and he makes a specialty of good work at a very reasonable price.

Out door pictures of every kind flashlights, and portrait and commercial work, are features of the business of the Art Shoppe Studio and if you are contemplating facing a camera at any time within the near future, you might just as well look pleasant there as the shutter clicks as in any other studio.

(Editor's note)

In compiling this booklet we were surprised at the large number of people who let years and years of their lives slip away without having a picture taken. Just suppose that you would run away with some one else's wife or that your wife would elope with the ice man, having a late picture of yourself or your wife in the home would be a fine thing to hand to the reporter when he called at your home next morning. We suggest that you have a picture made today. Who knows what may happen.

Credit for many of the portraits in this magazine is due the Strauss Studio, St. Louis, Mo.

GRANITE CITY BOOSTERS will do well to mail a copy of this magazine to a friend or relative residing in some other city.

**A. M. JACO, COMMON-WEALTH, AUTO DEALER, CIVIC WORKER.**

Not many men have the capacity of doing more than one thing at a time and doing all of the jobs well, but such a personage is A. M. Jacob, in charge of the electrical crane department at the Commonwealth Steel Foundry, president of the Fellowship Club there, a dealer in Oldsmobile automobiles during his time outside of the plant and in his spare time, devoting his energy to fraternal, church and other work of a civic nature.

Mr. Jacob has represented his ward as alderman in the city council and has always been active and willing to do everything in his power to help build up and develop a bigger and better Granite City in every way.

**THE MEZZANINE ICE CREAM PARLOR, 23RD AND STATE STREETS.**

J. R. Witt, when he established a small ice cream and confectionery store up at 23rd and State streets in the early part of 1921, had but a faint idea that his business would build up so rapidly that it would require him to keep busy making plans for larger quarters all the time to take care of the ever increasing trade. But such has been the case. The first addition made was a mezzanine floor from which the place has gained its name. The establishment now has a seating capacity of seventy people, having seven booths and eight tables.

But the Mezzanine is very popular and even this large seating capacity is not enough and now plans are being made for an addition in the near future which will seat 200 or more in the ice cream parlor and also provide a fine banquet place with a seating capacity of eighty, which will be an ideal place for private banquet parties and social affairs.

Above this model confectionery, ice cream and luncheon palace, will be efficiency apartments built with every modern convenience.

The Mezzanine in addition to handling ice cream, confectionery, cigars and tobacco, sell double cream, single cream and whipped cream, and a line of toilet articles.

**WILLIAM ROSENBERG**

This young man, together with other members of his family, is building up a department store down at the corner of 19th and State streets that is doing much to make Granite City a shopping center for the surrounding trade territory.

Active not only in the development of the business, Will, as his many friends know him, takes a keen interest in everything that goes into the making of a bigger and better Granite City, being a member of the 19th Street Improvement Association and the Granite City Commercial Club.

**George H. Muelder, Real Estate and Insurance, Niedringhaus Avenue and State Street**

When George H. Muelder decided to go into business for himself he certainly picked out one of the best locations in town for the office of a real estate and insurance man, securing a room in the new Moore building at Niedringhaus avenue and State street.

Mr. Muelder gained his first experience in the real estate and insurance business while with the Granite City Realty Company having been with that firm for about two years. He resigned his position to take over the one-half interest of the Kunemann & Goedecke firm, Mr. Goedecke withdrawing, and increasing the business of this company to such an extent that larger quarters were necessary, so Mr. Muelder was instrumental in promoting the purchasing of the Kunda building on Niedringhaus avenue in which the new office was then located. Both partners having equal interest in the building and business and after a period of one and one-half years Mr. Muelder decided to establish his own business and with the reputable insurance companies such as Aetna Fire, Aetna Farm, Aetna Life and Casualty, The Star, Providence Washington and the Fire and Marine Underwriters companies, he is making rapid progress. Previous to that he was employed at the old Corn Products Refining Company and the Stamping Works Branch of the National Enamelling and Stamping Company where he worked as an accountant for nearly 17 years.

His wide acquaintance with the leading residents of this vicinity led him to enter the insurance and real estate business for himself and he is rapidly making a name for himself as being a wide awake and hustling writer of insurance and dealer in real estate.

He is a member of the Granite City Commercial Club and is vitally interested in the development of this industrial district.

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**HARRY ANDERSON, Furniture Man, Rotarian, Aid to Cupid**

Selling furniture of quality isn't the only thing that occupies the time of Harry Anderson, who is the manager and buyer for the firm of Childs & Anderson—he also acts as an aid to Dan Cupid for the matrimonially inclined, being a deputy marriage license clerk, and he has fitted up a fine private office where he hands out license blanks, good advice to the young couples and obligingly serves as a witness during the wedding ceremony, for a judge or preacher will be called and the ceremony performed there if it is desired by the newlyweds to be.

Even that fails to occupy all of his time and he devotes a lot of his energy to the Nineteenth St. Improvement Association of which he is the president, and he is unsparing in his efforts to firmly fix 19th street as "the business heart" of Granite City.

He is also one of the charter members of the Granite City Rotary Club and is a member of the board of directors of that organization.

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**CLARENCE LILE, PRESCRIPTION DRUGGIST, NIEDRINGHAUS AND STATE STREETS.**

Clarence Lile, that enterprising druggist located at the southeastern corner of Niedringhaus avenue and State street, first established his business in Granite City in 1907 when he located at 19th and E streets, moving from there to his present location in 1916.

Filling prescriptions just the way the doctor orders has always been a specialty at this drug store, and the store is replete with a stock of drugs, candies, cigars, tobaccos and other sundries that a first-class pharmacy should have for its customers.

The drug business is just sort of a side line with Mr. Lile for real estate is his one big hobby and he deals exclusively in local property.

He is just one more of the many other local business men that have caught the enthusiasm for a bigger and better Granite City.

He is a member of the Granite City Commercial Club and the Granite City Lodge of Elks.

**THE CITY QUALITY BAKERY MAKING BIG NAME FOR ITSELF**

Over at 2012 Illinois avenue is a little bakery that is rapidly making a big reputation for itself and if the present record is only kept up, it will soon be enlarging upon its field of activity.

Hy Stopkotte is the proprietor of this bakery and Henry knows how to turn out a loaf of bread that gets and holds the business. Mr. Stopkotte formerly was engaged in the dairy business but as he says, "You can't keep a cow from eating a lot of old weeds and making the milk taste rotten but you can keep your bakery clean and sanitary," so Henry got into the bread making business 3 years ago and has been building up a big business ever since that time. He supplies several of the large industries here with their daily supply of bread and is also going after the business of the retail grocers of the Tri-Cities.

Quality Bread is the name of the bread that he puts on the market and if you doubt the statement that it is about the very best loaf you can buy—just try a loaf and you will be convinced that we know what we are talking about.

Wrapped up along with the loaf of bread you will find a coupon and when you secure a certain number of these coupons you can present them at your grocer's and receive a fine bread knife free of charge.

Remember this the next time you need bread and request your grocer to bring you a loaf of Quality Bread. It is good bread.

**I. PROPE, A GRANITE CITY BOOSTER AND PROGRESSIVE CITIZEN.**

I. R. Propes, better known as just plain 'Ike' to all of his many friends, has always been a booster for a bigger and better Granite City all during his many years of residence in Granite City.

Before the city was redistricted into seven wards Mr. Propes served as alderman from the second ward for several terms and was always active for the best interests of Granite City.

He is a foreman at the Granite City Steel Works and resides with his family at 2234 C street.

He is a member of the Granite City Commercial Club and also a member of several fraternal organizations that are active in civic betterment.

**C. W. EVANS, INSURANCE AND REAL ESTATE.**

C. W. Evans, although you wouldn't believe it from the picture here for an insurance man is supposed to be very serious and solemn when he starts in talking to you about widows and orphans, and loss of life and limb from accidents, and loss of property from fire and theft, is in the insurance game. He also sells real estate. That he is good at both lines is proven by the smile he wears, for a chap simply has to be traveling along the road to success to wear a smile like that.

Charlie is a good mixer, a hard worker in both business and civic affairs. He has been active in the Masonic order for some time, being deeply interested in the junior branch of the order, the DeMolay.

He is also a member of the Granite City Rotary Club and the Commercial Club and a booster for a bigger and better Granite City.

**MY LAUNDRY, A HOME INDUSTRY OF GRANITE CITY.**

In an industrial City such as Granite City, the residents have a time in keeping their clothes clean and the services of a good laundry are a vital necessity. W. Langolf, the proprietor of My Laundry, saw this big need of the community in the early days of Granite City and established his present place of business at 1822 C street in 1903. My Laundry has served the Tri-Cities in such an efficient manner since that time that no other laundry has entered the field except to establish agencies from time to time, and it retains the distinction of being the only steam laundry operated in the Tri-Cities.

It has modern equipment of a first class laundry and employs a force of skilled and competent workers, all of whom are affiliated with the laundry workers union.

My Laundry maintains two auto delivery trucks to handle the big volume of business and it is the policy of the establishment that prompt and efficient service must be rendered at all times.

Mr. Langolf has installed the latest improved laundry machines including a Dry Tumbler and Press Machine and is in a position to give patrons A1 service in the laundry line. A phone call to 204 will demonstrate My Laundry service.

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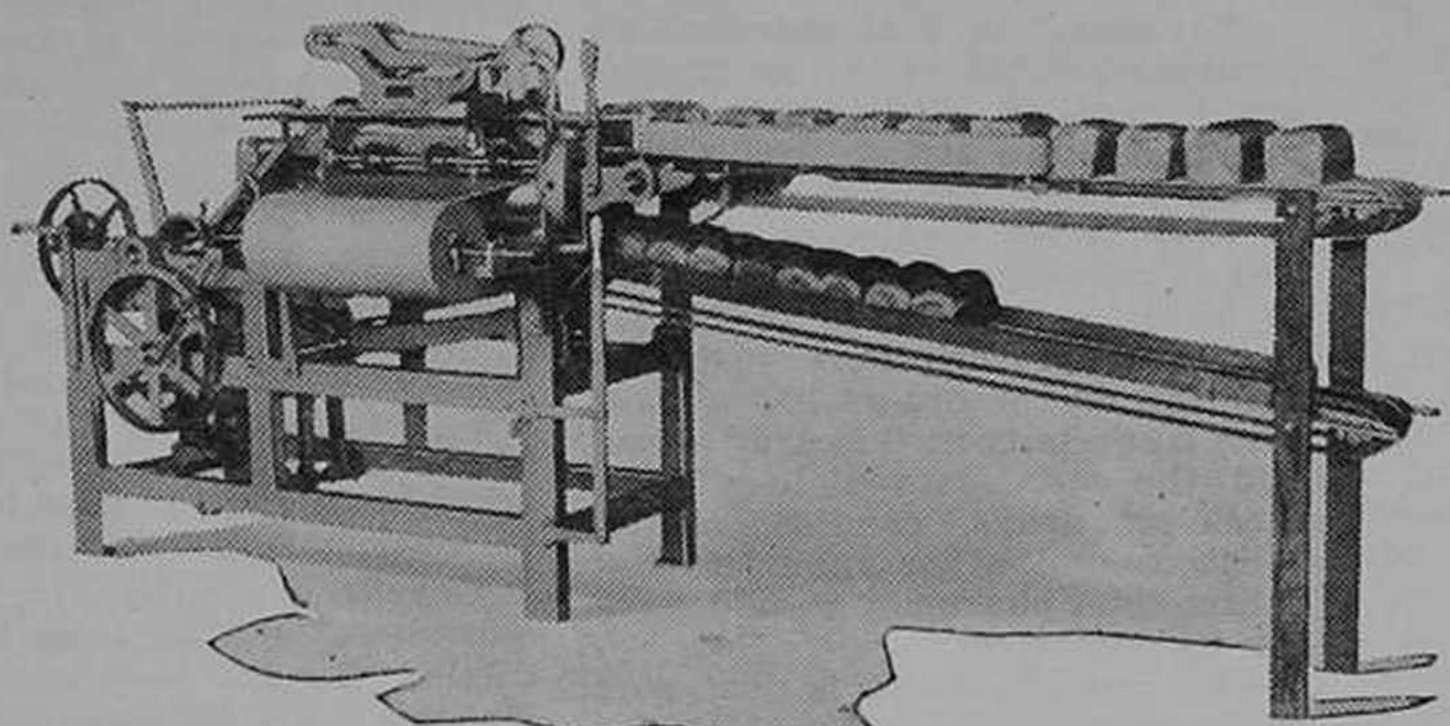
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## SUNLIGHT BAKERY

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JOSEPH ARNOLD



Sunlight Bakery's Sanitary Wrapping Machine

"Bread is the staff of Life." Truer words were never spoken, and here in the Tri-Cities, as well as other cities of Madison County and Southern Illinois, there are a lot of folks that lean upon the staff that is made right here in Granite City, in that model baking plant of the Sunlight Bakery.

The Sunlight Bakery is located at 1936 State street and is equipped with modern bake shop machinery, that not only turns out bread baked in a thorough, scientific manner, but also bakes it in quantity lots and in a very sanitary manner.

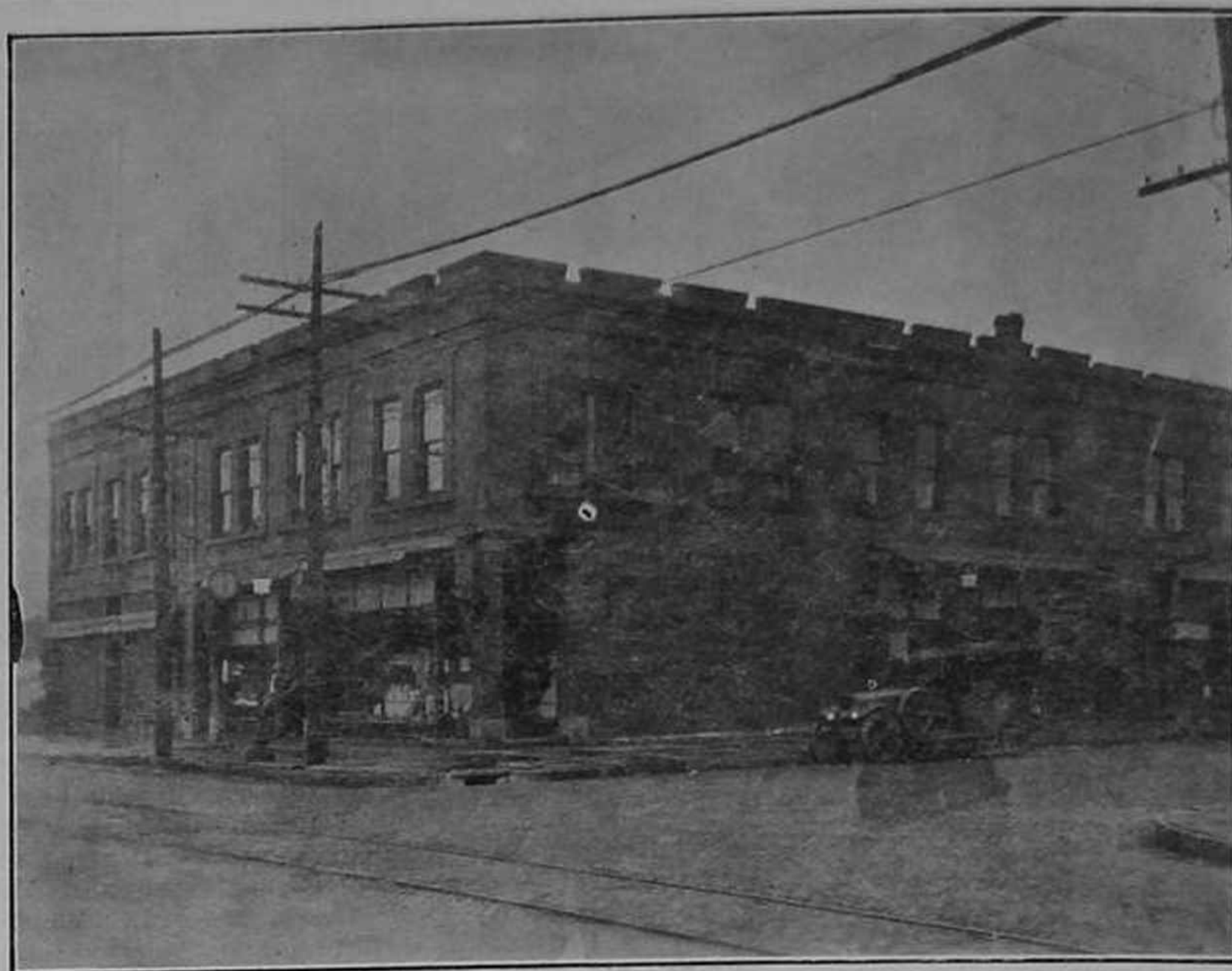
Presided over by Joseph Arnold, the Sunlight Bakery has made rapid strides during the past two years, and Mr. Arnold's aggressive advertising campaign has built up such a volume of business as to compel him to install the very latest in bread handling machinery.

This is a machine that takes the loaves of bread, just as they are turned out from the ovens, and wraps them up in sanitary wrappers to be delivered to the trade without being touched by human hands until the consumer tears off the wrapper.

Mr. Arnold has been quick to grasp the vision of the greater Granite City that is in the building and he has taken a long term lease upon his present location, with the addition of more room for his bread-baking department.

Sunlight Bread is rapidly displacing St. Louis made bread in Granite City stores and gains in popular favor every day.

Mr. Arnold is a member of the Granite City Commercial Club and is very much interested in the progress and future of Granite City.



### CHARLES UZZELL, DRUGGIST, And Radio Concert Expert.

Down at the corner of 19th and D street is one of the progressive drug stores of Granite City, the proprietor of which, Charles A. Uzzell, is the subject of this sketch.

Along with the usual line of drugs and merchandise that is to be found in any drug store of the first class, this particular pharmacy is in a class all of its own, for Charlie, as all of his friends know him, is a regular radio fan and tunes in his big radio set on the daily concerts that are rendered all over the country.

Every afternoon and evening when the broadcasting stations start sending, a crowd gathers at the store to listen in on the concerts.

Mr. Uzzell has been engaged in the drug business at his present location for the past 23 years and has always taken an active part in work of a civic nature.

He is a member of the Granite City Commercial Club, the Nineteenth Street Improvement Association, as well as a number of fraternal organizations.

His place of business has been recently enlarged in order to take care of the ever increasing volume of trade that is being drawn to the store through his policy of service and quality.

Mr. Uzzell purchased the Gonterman Building, just opposite his drug store, several months ago and he owns a beautiful home at 2114 State street.



CHARLES A. UZZELL

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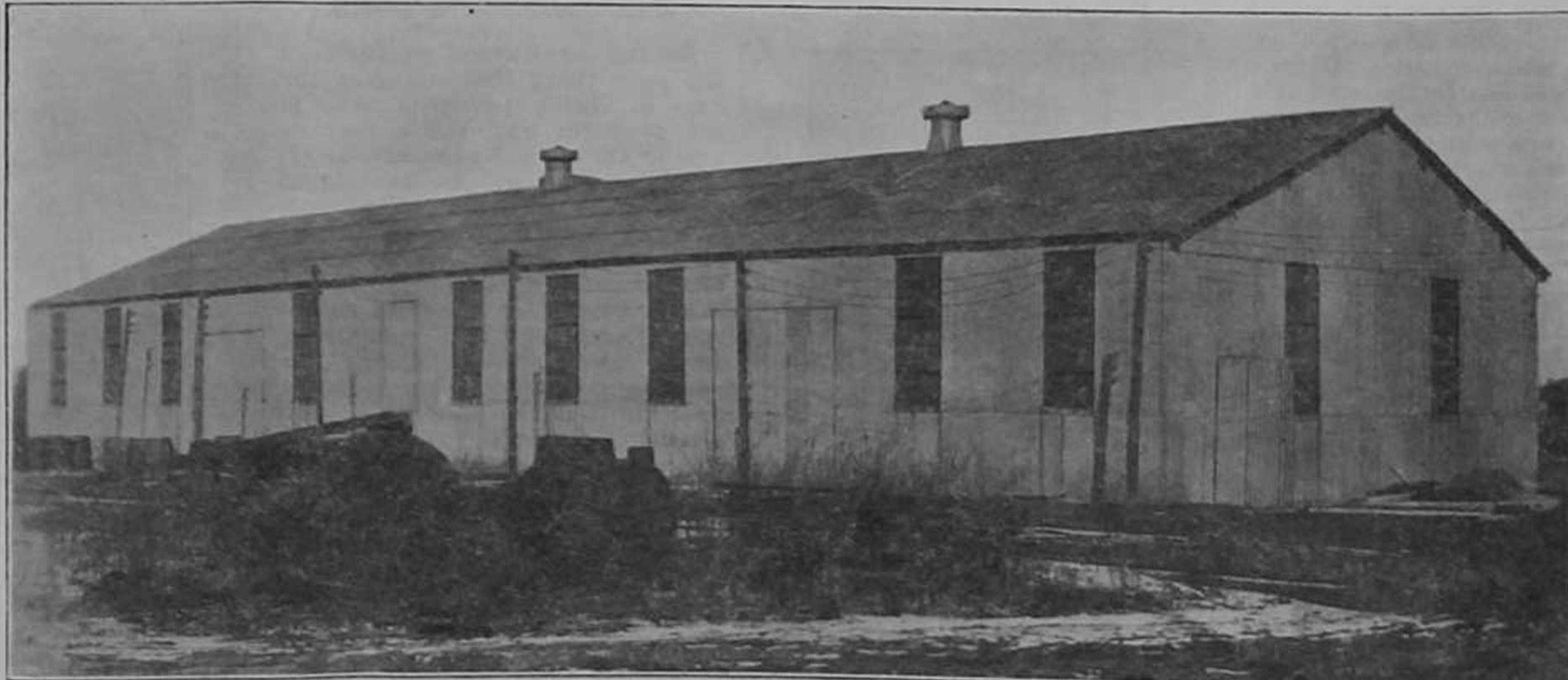
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**C. H. KUNNEMANN, REAL ESTATE AND INSURANCE.**



No booklet attempting to convey any information at all about the history of Granite City and vicinity would be complete if it omitted mention of C. H. Kunnemann, or just plain "Chris" as all of his friends know him, who is the senior member of the firm of C. H. Kunnemann Real Estate and Insurance Company, whose office is in the Kunnemann Building, just across the street from the Granite City postoffice.

To attempt to tell all of the various activities of C. H. Kunnemann in the small space we have allotted to us for the task, wouldn't at all do the subject of this sketch justice, in fact it would take several pages of this magazine to tell you just a few things about "Chris" but as nearly every knows him, and knows that he sells insurance and real estate, that he likes to shoot ducks in the duck season and catch bass and crappie when the fish are biting and has a pet hobby of politics, it won't be necessary for us to say very much more.

"Chris" is mayor of Nameoki, is one of the Republican precinct committeemen from Nameoki township and has always taken an active part in Republican politics. Up until a short time ago he was one of the five members of the Illinois' Industrial Commission but resigned from the office in order to take care of his business affairs here in Granite City and vicinity.

He is a member of the Granite City Commercial Club Granite City lodge of Elks and always takes an active part in any move that means the development of the Granite City industrial district.

The Press-Record is "Growing Like Granite City," bigger and better every day.

**A. F. BUENTE, ONE OF GRANITE CITY'S PIONEER BUSINESS MEN.**

This reliable firm was established as Buente Bros. in 1897. In 1911 A. F. Buente became sole proprietor and now owns the fine building just opposite the postoffice on the D street side. Mr. Buente is one of Granite City's pioneer business men, having started in business here in 1897, where, for a number of years, the Buente store was located down at 18th and D streets in the old Henson Building, but in 1915 the present fine business block was erected.

The Buente Store is the Granite City distributing point for ladies and gents for the famous W. L. Douglas shoes and a general stock of dry goods and furnishings.

A policy of always giving the best of quality and service at a reasonable price has built up a wide following for the Buente store and it probably enjoys a larger patronage from the farming district around Granite City than any other like establishment in the Tri-Cities.

Mr. Buente is a member of the Granite City Commercial Club and the Granite City Lodge of Elks, and is one of the influential citizens of this progressive community.



**J. E. CORRIE**

A Granite City Commercial Club member, who is active both in the Boy Scout movement and in the work of the Tri-City Safety Council.

**D. E. BUTLER, GROCERIES AND MEATS, 1311 21ST STREET.**



Up at 1311 21st street, where a thriving grocery and meat market is gaining new customers and building up more good will all the time is a fair example of what a young man of purpose and enterprise may accomplish when he makes a start in a town like Granite City.

D. E. Butler, who is the proprietor of the store, has been established there for the past two years and previous to entering into business for himself was manager of the Co-operative Store, formerly located in the Labor Temple and which has since gone out of business.

Previous to that enterprise Mr. Butler clerked for several local grocery houses and has built up a large circle of friends amongst both the business men and other residents.

**M. EICHLER, PROPRIETOR OF LEADER DYEING AND CLEANING CO.**

"Why buy new clothes when you can send your old ones down to the Leader Dyeing & Cleaning Company and have them made like new?" that is the question patrons of that cleaning and dyeing establishment often ask their friends. And up to date no satisfactory answer has ever been given to the question and the more they study about the matter the more they question the reason WHY?

The result is that another suit or dress is sent down to be cleaned and pressed, or dyed and repaired, and another new customer joins the ever growing list of satisfied patrons of this thriving establishment.

M. Eichler is the proprietor of the Leader and he believes that every establishment should have the first-class service and it is for that reason that during the past few months several thousand dollars was invested in new equipment for the plant. Auto delivery service is a big feature of the Leader establishment, all work being called for and delivered.

Mr. Eichler is a member of the Granite City Lodge of Elks, Masonic Order, is a Shriner, and belongs to many other lodges and orders, and is a progressive citizen of the community.

**ROYAL BARBER SHOP MEETS WITH POPULAR FAVOR.**

Up at the corner of D street and Niedringhaus avenue is a tonsorial parlor presided over by a genial, smiling chap whom every one knows by the name of "Deacon." And to say that Deacon Courtney has friends is making but a mild statement. And as his friends are his patrons and his patrons are his friends, it is certain that he is doing a big business at his establishment. One needs but to see the location of that shop to know that a barber, even by calling the place a tonsorial parlor, would have to have considerable trade in order to be able to command a location so favorable for his business.

The Royal Barber shop is on one of the best corners in town and of course it is one of the best barber shops in the city.

It is a four chair shop, with an artist behind each chair, each one there to render prompt service.

A billiard parlor is operated in connection with the shop and there a friendly game may be indulged in at any reasonable hour of the day or evening.

Deacon has the radio fever, also, and in the front end of the shop has installed a receiving set with a loud speaker and while you are there getting a shave or hair cut you can listen in and hear the corks popping out of the bottles over in Cuba.

If that makes you thirsty, you may assuage your thirst with a bottle of nice sweet or butter milk from the big ice box where the soda pop and other soft drinks are dispensed.

Confectionery and cigars may also be had at the cigar counter.

**FRANK MOSCOW, ENTERPRISING MANAGER MIRIFIC PRODUCTS COMPANY.**



One of Granite City's smaller, but important industries that is rapidly forging to the front under the efficient management of Frank Moscow, is the Mirific Products Company which manufactures roll neck grease for rolling mills and other friction and heat resisting lubricants.

The plant of this company is located out on the A street road, at 25th street, where lubricants of a great variety are manufactured and shipped out to industries all over the United States.

Mr. Moscow, who has made a life long study of lubricating problems and is recognized as an authority on lubricants has had charge of the local plant since March of last year.

One of his latest entries into the field of lubricants is Micalene, which is a compound to prevent that annoying chatter of Ford cars.

Miproco is the trade name for the lubricants made by this company and wherever they are used, hot bearings are practically unknown.

**HARRY WENDELL, MAKER OF RED BIRD BREAD.**

Over at the corner of 21st and Washington avenue is a baker, Harry Wendell by name and he makes Red Bird Bread.

From the way his business has grown since he established the bakery some three years ago is ample proof that Red Bird Bread is good bread.

Harry, as all of his friends know him, started at his present location with only one corner store room and since that time has had to have an addition built to the place and build some new and larger baking ovens.

Two auto trucks are required to maintain the daily deliveries of Red Bird Bread to the many leading stores of the Tri-Cities that feature this bread.

Even before starting in business for himself, Harry knew just about all of the business men over here on the east side, for he called on all of them regularly while in the employ of the Manewal Baking Company of St. Louis.

It was while making his daily visits to Granite City that he became convinced that this city had before it a great future and decided to locate here and be a part of the general progress of the city.

Mr. Wendell is a member of the Granite City Commercial Club and is active in civic work of every kind. He is also a member of the Granite City Lodge of Elks, 1063.

**JOHN SCHREIFELS, BLACKSMITH EXPERT.**

"Under the spreading chestnut tree the village smithy stands." Here in Granite City we have no spreading chestnut trees but down at 18th and Madison avenue is the blacksmithing establishment of John Schreifels, who is a very expert craftsman, having been employed at the trade for 15 years and with full knowledge of every branch of the work.

Welding of broken parts of iron or steel is a specialty at this shop. The repairing of sidewalk basement doors is a line which also occupies much of Mr. Schreifels time. Any business establishment or property owner having sidewalk basement doors that are in need of renewing or repairing should not risk someone having a bad accident with a resultant suit for damages but should call Mr. Schreifels at once.

Why risk a big damage suit of thousands of dollars when it will require but a small sum to repair the doors?

This blacksmith shop is a first class one in every respect and any one having any kind of work in this line can do no better than to consult with Mr. Schreifels.

Mail your distant friend or relative a copy of this Progress Edition. Get extra copies at Press-Record office—10c each, \$1 per dozen.

**REBER'S TONSORIAL PARLORS GAIN IN POPULAR FAVOR DAILY.**

Fred Reber, the popular barber at the corner of 19th and D streets (down stairs) enjoys such a volume of patronage that he has to run four chairs all the time at his establishment, which is patronized by both ladies and gentlemen, for, in these days of bobbed hair, it is quite the thing for the fairer sex to grace a chair at the barber shop and at Reber's hair bobbing is getting to be a specialty.

Fred Reber, the proprietor, has been in the barber business for the past thirty years and is an expert in every branch of the art. He also employs a staff of other tonsorial artists and the service rendered at this shop will compare comfortably with the service given any place in the country.

In addition to the four chair barber shop, billiards and card tables offer relaxation to those who find time hanging heavy upon their hands. Ice cold milk, soda pop and other popular soft drinks, confectionery and cigars are on sale at Reber's.

The shoe shining department is presided over by James Porter, a very efficient man in causing old shoes to loom up like a pair of new ones. Shoes given regular treatment by Jim have been known to give twice as long a service as shoes that are neglected by their owners.

Pay this shop a visit while in Granite City.

The Press-Record is "Growing Like Granite City," bigger and better every day.

**LEONARD SCHNEIDER, PROPRIETOR OF ELECTRIC SERVICE COMPANY.**

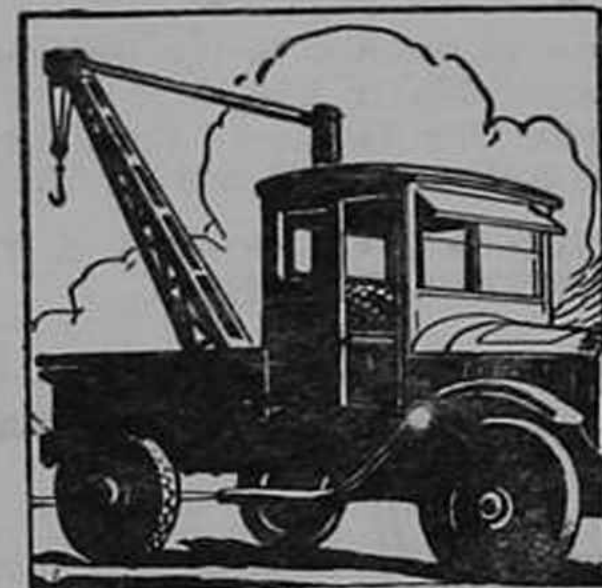
The Electric Service Company, while a newcomer into the field of electrical service here has at the head of the firm, a man who has been in the electrical business for the past 18 years and knows it from every angle of the game.

Leonard Schneider, who is the boss at the establishment at 2105 G street, located in Granite City in 1913. He was with the American Steel Foundries here for five years and there he had a wide experience in "trouble shooting" all through the plant. After leaving that company he worked for the Peerless Electric Company of State street for three years, leaving that firm last year to enter into business for himself.

The Electric Service Company is everything that its name implies and in addition to Mr. Schneider's many years of experience in all kinds of electrical work, fitting him to take care of the many troubles that arises with electrical equipment in the home, the store at the address above has a full line of electrical appliances, being the local distributing point for the well known Haag Electric Washers, Eureka and Wesco Vacuum cleaners and many other standard makes of appliances.

If you need service in anything electrical, a call to Kinloch 863-R will solve your troubles.

The Press-Record has a proven circulation of 4,300.



**WISE'S GARAGE AND AUTO SERVICE STATION.**

"Service, day or night" is the motto of the Wise Garage, located at E street, and Leo Wise, the owner and proprietor of this progressive establishment, maintains a road service truck which will be sent out on emergency calls at any hour, to any place in the country.

The charges for towing in disabled cars are very reasonable and the repair work, performed by a staff of experienced auto mechanics, is of the very highest standard.

Mr. Wise has been engaged in the garage and auto repair business for the past 12 years and all work is done under his expert supervision. The Wise Garage has an up-to-date filling station, free air service and all other things that a first class garage should have.

Cars entrusted to storage at this garage will be well looked after and all repair work is sure to be satisfactory.

**KATHRYN JERVIS MILLINERY PARLORS, 1905 E STREET.**



The good women of any home town are fortunate when they have a millinery parlor such as the one presided over by Miss Kathryn Jervis, located in their city, for there they are able to find just the style that will suit them and at a very moderate price.

Miss Jervis is a milliner of much ability and as she makes regular trips to the big style shops of New York each season she keeps in touch with the latest modes and is able to offer local patrons the same kind of styles that are being worn on Fifth avenue, or any other fashion center.

The Jervis Millinery parlors also specialize in made to order hats for women and children. The Jervis Millinery will this season feature the famous Gage models in pattern hats.

This shop is also the Granite City distributing point for the well-known brand of Ever Wear and other brands of silk hosiery for women. This exclusive shop also makes a specialty of hem-stitching.

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**H. F. HOELSCHER, MARBLE AND GRANITE MONUMENTS.**

"In the midst of life we have death." It is well to remember those solemn words and to also remember the departed loved ones by marking their last resting place with an appropriate monument.

During marble and granite are the two best stones to use for this purpose and H. F. Hoelscher, marble and granite worker, whose establishment is located at twenty-second and Madison avenue, has had years of experience in this particular line of business and can offer suggestions and advice that will indeed be helpful.

Mr. Hoelscher also specializes in fine marble and granite decorating on buildings and cornice work.



**J. W. HOLSINGER** of the Holsinger-Heis & Company insurance firm, well known for his activity in church work and boosting for a better Granite City.



## TAYLOR---FLORIST



2900 Madison Ave., Granite City, Ill.

## THE ELITE MILLINERY SHOP

*Washington Theatre Bldg.*

Elite Millinery Shop, the popular Millinery store of Granite City, was opened at 1924 State Street on March 10, 1919. Later the business was moved to 1312-19th Street. During the more than five years that the store has served the Ladies, Misses and Children of this city the proprietress, B. Sizelove has enjoyed a steady growth in the business until it was finally found necessary to move to the present location 1339 19th Street, Washington Theatre Building. In addition to exclusive Millinery they will carry a complete line of Ladies' and Misses' Gloves, Hosiery and Lingerie.

Their basis of service is thoroughly sound. Their contact with style interpretation, intimate. Their offerings of Millinery, correct and attractive. They spare no pains to assist each customer in the selection of a hat that truly satisfies and becomes. Naturally they have won the appreciation and approval of critical buyers in unusual number.

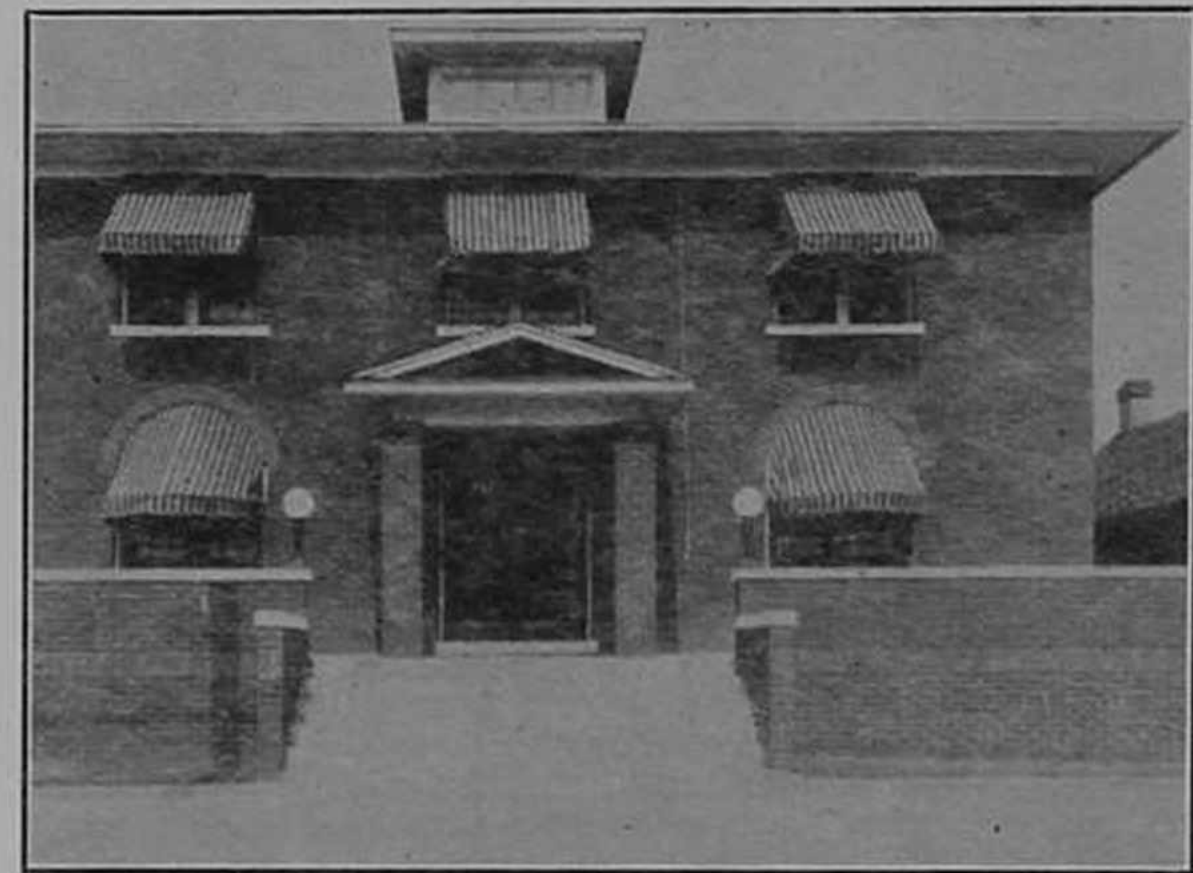
ELITE MILLINERY SHOP



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## THE MODEL

Outfitters For Men and Boys

Niedringhaus and D Streets, Granite City, Ill.  
Opposite the Post Office

This firm was established in Granite City in the Fall of 1912, by I. Strauss and Joseph Miller, the opening of the new store being in the Binney Building, on 19th street. Those quarters soon became too small for the increasing volume of business and when the building was erected at Niedringhaus avenue and D street, the firm secured a long term lease upon the place and now have one of the largest exclusive men's and boys' clothing and furnishing houses in the Tri-Cities, having over 5200 square feet of floor space.

The Model features Kuppenheimer Clothes, Walk Over Shoes, Manhattan Shirts, Allan A Underwear and Holeproof Hosiery

Both members of the firm take an active interest in the progress and development of Granite City, holding membership in the Granite City Commercial Club. They also belong to the Granite City Lodge of Elks, Mr. Miller having had the honor of serving as Exalted Ruler of 1063 during 1919.

STRANGERS TO THIS CITY SHOULD NOT OVERLOOK A VISIT TO THIS BUSINESS ESTABLISHMENT

## GRANITE CITY, ILL.

Population .....	26,000
Annual Payroll .....	\$18,000,000
People Employed .....	15,000
Industries .....	15

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Successor to Chas. A. Bartlett & Co., Established 1899.

James H. (Jimmie) Mann, with his years of Banking, Real Estate and Insurance experience, his agency of fourteen leading American and English Fire Insurance Companies, his wide acquaintance with Building and Loan Associations and Banks, his long and intimate knowledge of local affairs and conditions, is in a position to very greatly assist in the substantial progress of

"THE GREATER GRANITE CITY"

## SOL MONY MUELLER, JUSTICE OF THE PEACE AND COLLECTIONS



SOL MONY MUELLER

"Don't mark any old account off your books until you give Sol Mony Mueller a chance at it for he can collect money when all others fail," is the way one business man put it the other day while discussing the collection of bad accounts, with a friend.

And Sol seldom falls down on a collection job. If there is any chance in getting the money for his client, Sol gets it, and now Sol has worked up such a reputation as a collector that he loses a lot of business simply because lots of chaps cash in on his reputation and all they have to do to hurry up a slow account is to remark, "Well, if this isn't paid within ten days, the account will be turned over to Sol Mony Mueller," and that threat generally brings a check by return mail.

Mr. Mueller has been located in Madison Co. for 24 years and is a cigar-maker by trade. He served as president of the Tri-City Central Trades and Labor Council for one term and was treasurer of that organization for four years. He established his present business in 1912, and in addition to his specialty of making collections of old accounts, Mr. Mueller is a justice of the peace of Nameoki Township, having served in that capacity for the past 12 years. Real estate and insurance are the other branches of his business. His office is located at 1930 State street. Mr. Mueller is a member of the Granite City Commercial Club, also the Granite City Lodge of Elks and several other fraternal organizations.



# Alvin C. Bohm

OF EDWARDSVILLE  
Candidate Republican Ticket for

## STATE'S ATTORNEY MADISON COUNTY

PRIMARY TUES., APRIL 8, 1924

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# FOR LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR FRED E. STERLING

Editor of the Rockford Daily Register-Gazette, submits his Name as a Candidate for Renomination at the Republican Primary, April 8th.

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Candidate for Re-election as

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Operation cost of the office is the lowest of any similar department in the United States.

Total fees collected by the office amount to more than \$14,000,000.

Republican Primary, April 8.



### THE DAHMUS GROCERY COMPANY, 2200 "C" STREET

The Dahmus Grocery Company was first established in September, 1900, at the corner of 18th and State streets and under the firm name of Dahmus & Krill Grocer Co., with Frank Dahmus and Joseph Krill partners in the business. Mr. Dahmus later purchased the interests of his partner and has since conducted the business under the name it now bears. In 1917 the present fine building the store occupies at 2200 C street was built and there a business is being built up which makes the store more than ever before deserve the slogan it carries, "Decidedly Granite City's Leading Grocery Store. Quality is the paramount idea that is carried out all through the establishment, nothing but the best in groceries, canned goods and meats being sold. Courtesy and service to the customers are also two big factors that are helping this store build up a big volume of business.

One thing at this mercantile corner that pleases the customers is the fact that right in the same building is located the Daily Bakery, which supplies that neighborhood with bread, just like or even better, than mother ever made, pies, cakes and other pastries fresh every day.

Mr. Dahmus has always been active in the development of a better business spirit here and is a member of the Granite City Commercial Club.

VOTE FOR

## Harry Faulkner

of Granite City, Illinois



FOR

## State's Attorney

REPUBLICAN TICKET

Primary Election:

Tuesday, April 8th, 1924



J. E. Nelson, Constable, Collector And Real Estate Man

J. E. Nelson, better known as "Jim" to his large circle of friends, doesn't wear the uniform he is pictured in here, anymore, but he still wears a star being a constable of Venice township. He was formerly a patrolman of the Granite City police force, serving in that capacity from 1906 until 1916.

While there are a lot of chaps who won't pay their just debts that don't like to see "Jim" coming in their direction, he has made many other friends for his efficiency in making collection of accounts that would probably have been shoved over on the red ink side of the ledger had they not have been turned over to Jim.

In addition to looking after collections, Mr. Nelson is also in the real estate business. He is married and resides with his family at 2028 B street.

PETER J. SEHOYAN, POLICEMAN, PATRIOT, SOLDIER, HOTEL MAN.



Peter J. Sehoayan, proprietor of the Victoria Hotel, located at Walnut and Pacific avenue, Lincoln Place, this city, is an Armenian by birth but a good loyal American by choice.

Pete, as his many friends here in Granite City know him, came to the United States in 1893 and has been in Granite City for 18 years.

He is an expert linguist, speaking 6 different languages, and has served in the capacity of court interpreter in the local courts upon many and various occasions.

His knowledge of foreign languages and his intrepid courage in the face of danger, were two of the big factors that lead to him being appointed as a patrolman for Lincoln Place under Mayor Kirkpatrick. Pete served on the force for 7 years and made an excellent record. When the world war came along, Pete enlisted in the 12th Engineers, being the first volunteer from Granite City, and saw 2 years service overseas. It was while billeted in France that Pete met the lady who is now Mrs. Sehoayan.

After the armistice was signed, Pete came on back home with the rest of the boys but a short time after being mustered out, Pete made another trip to France and when he returned he brought his war time bride back with him.

And now Mr. and Mrs. Sehoayan

operate the Victoria Hotel in Lincoln Place, and Mrs. Sehoayan is learning to love America like Pete loves it and both of them are teaching Jeanette, Lincoln and Pete, Jr., to reverence the Stars and Stripes which float from the flag pole on the hotel.

# LOUIS A. BRIGHT

of East Alton, Ill.



Candidate for Re-election

## County Auditor

REPUBLICAN TICKET

I respectfully offer my record in office for the past four years for your consideration.

Primary: Tuesday, April 8th, 1924



# Edward R. Deimling, Sheriff of Madison County

## *His Private and His Official Family*



SHERIFF EDWARD R. DEIMLING

*Better known as "Ed" to his many friends*

Edward R. Deimling, Sheriff of Madison County, was elected to that office in November 1922, on the Democratic ticket, by one of the largest majorities ever awarded a candidate for sheriff on any ticket in the county.

Before entering into the political arena, Sheriff Deimling operated a butcher shop and meat market at Troy, where he was born and reared. He also dealt extensively in live stock and his business dealings in this line carried him to all parts of the county and into contact with many men, prominent in business life.

Having been a Democrat all his life and active in the work of that party, when organization leaders were looking around for timber suitable for candidacy for the sheriff's office, Mr. Deimling, or "Ed" as he is known to his many friends all over the county, was just about the unanimous choice. And he was also the choice of the voters in both the primary and the general election.

Successful in business, successful in politics, and he has also been successful in love as the picture on this page will show full well, Mrs. Deimling being a very attractive woman and has a winning personality, said personality having been used to good advantage when she went out and campaigned for votes when her husband was running for office. Mrs. Deimling also believes in being up-to-date in political campaigning and she introduced the novel stunt of having an airplane shower down election cards for her husband during the campaign at several picnics in the county.

Mrs. Deimling has been appointed a deputy sheriff and has all of the powers that go along with that office. In caring for and looking after female prisoners she is an invaluable aid to the sheriff's office. (We will leave it to the readers to judge for themselves if Deputy Sheriff Mrs. Ed. Deimling isn't the best looking person that ever held such an office in Madison County). Mr. and Mrs. Deimling have one son, Neil, 14 years of age, who is attending the Western Military Academy at Alton. Sheriff Deimling knows how to pick good men for deputies just like he knew how to select the right lady for a life mate and pictured on this page are his deputies.



MRS. EDWARD R. DEIMLING  
First Woman Deputy Sheriff of Madison County



THOMAS DOONER  
Chief Deputy  
Edwardsville



D. F. MACK  
of Granite City  
Tri-City Deputy



PAUL TAYLOR  
Troy Deputy



NEIL DEIMLING

A Cadet at Western Military Academy,  
Alton, Ill.



HENRY CRAMER  
Alton Deputy

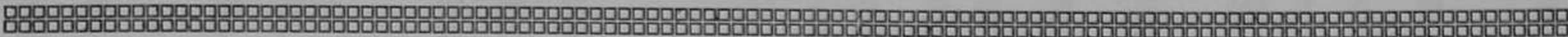


FRED BETZOLD  
Edwardsville Deputy



OTTO MILLER  
Jailer





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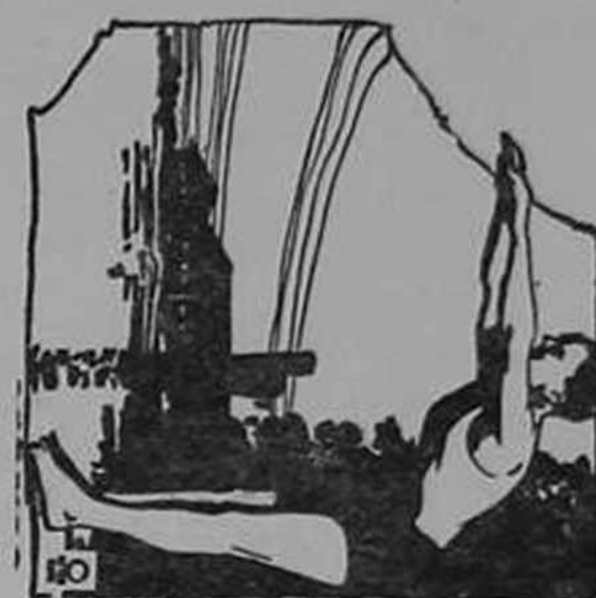


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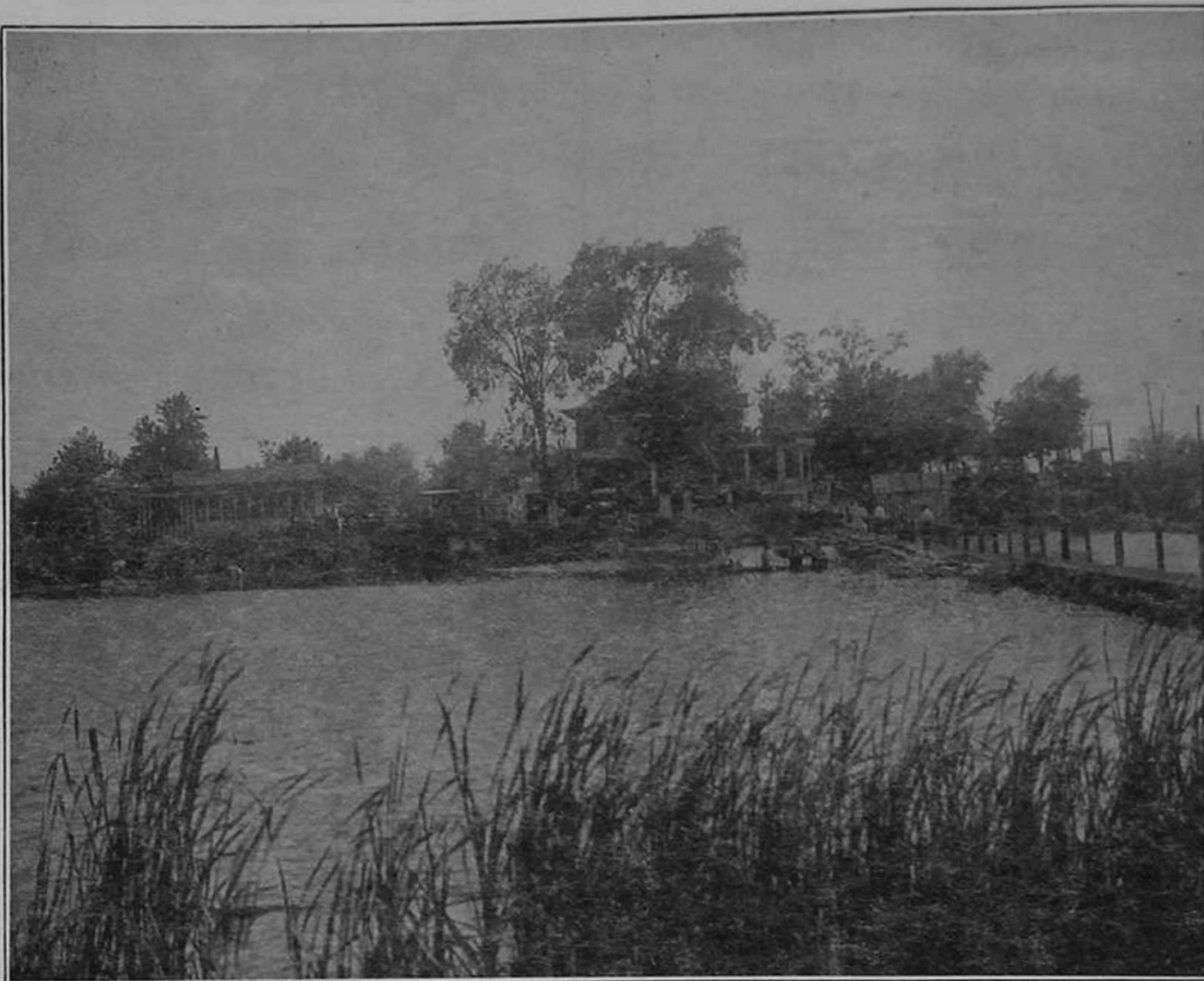


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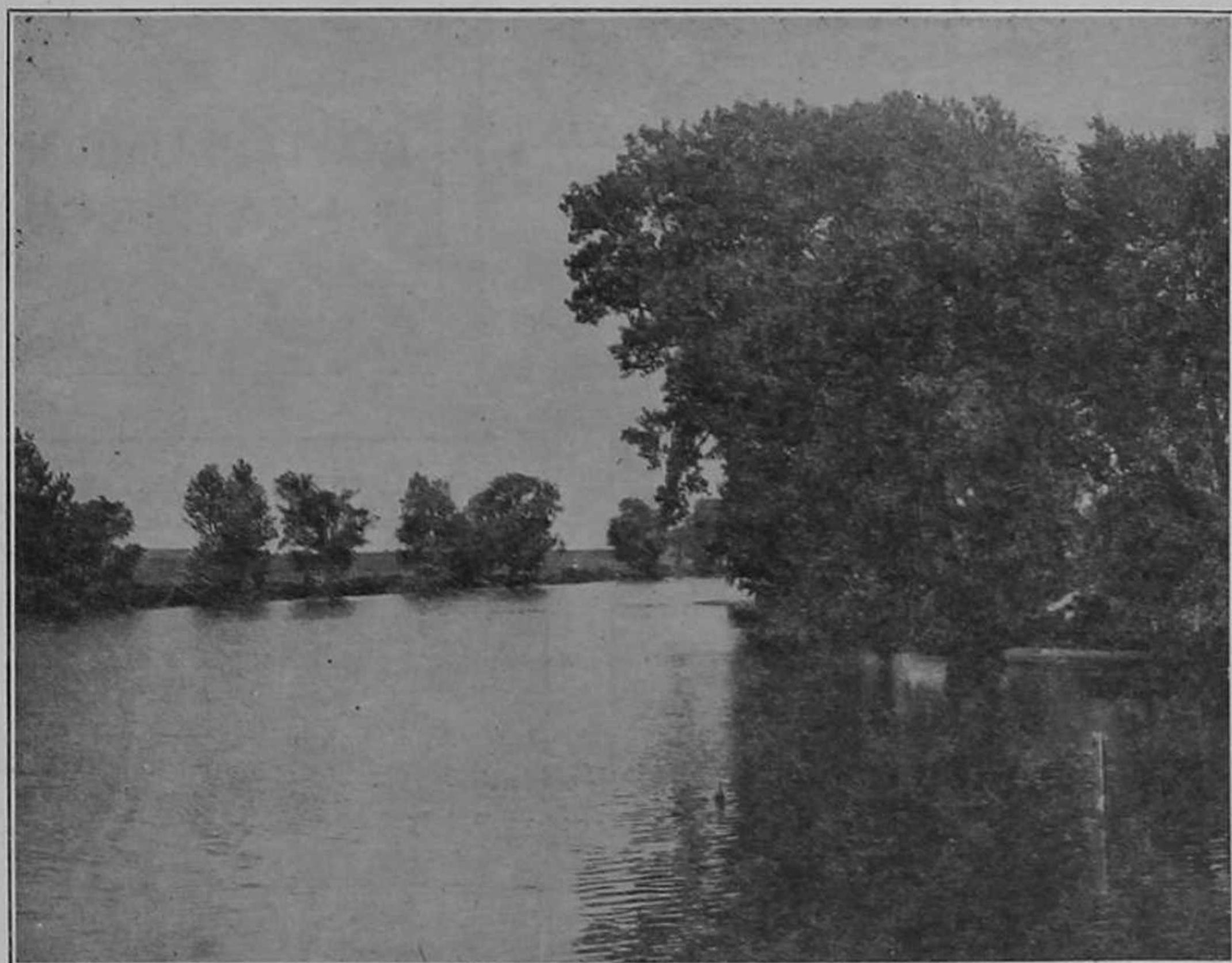
This view shows the Boardwalk Bridge, famous for the big strings of crappie and bass caught near it in the Spring-time; the restaurant, Hackethal's Place and other buildings.

Long Lake Park is so named because of its location on the banks of beautiful Long Lake, whose waters wind around for several miles through verdant farm land and wherein are to be found game fish of a size to delight any angler's heart.

Long Lake Park is right on the hard road leading from the Tri-Cities to Springfield and is a regular stop for the Alton--Granite--St. Louis yellow line Traction cars.

Long Lake Park has a large dance pavilion, good restaurant and refreshment bar, plenty of fine shade trees and green grass, tables and chairs for large or small picnic parties.

During the out-of-picnic season auto parties will find our chicken dinners an attraction that will bring them back for more.



A bend in the lake; there are many ideal camping spots along this beautiful lake.

Stop in any time and enjoy a hot bird and a cold bottle of some refreshing, popular drink.

And when you plan your picnic next summer don't forget that Long Lake Park is the Best Picnic Place in Southern Illinois.

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Mitchell, Illinois.

Welcome!



# The New Washington Theatre, Granite City, Ill.

*Southern Illinois' Finest Theatre  
and The Show Spot of Granite City*



Main Lobby looking from front entrance to main entrance of Auditorium



First Lobby and Cashier's Office

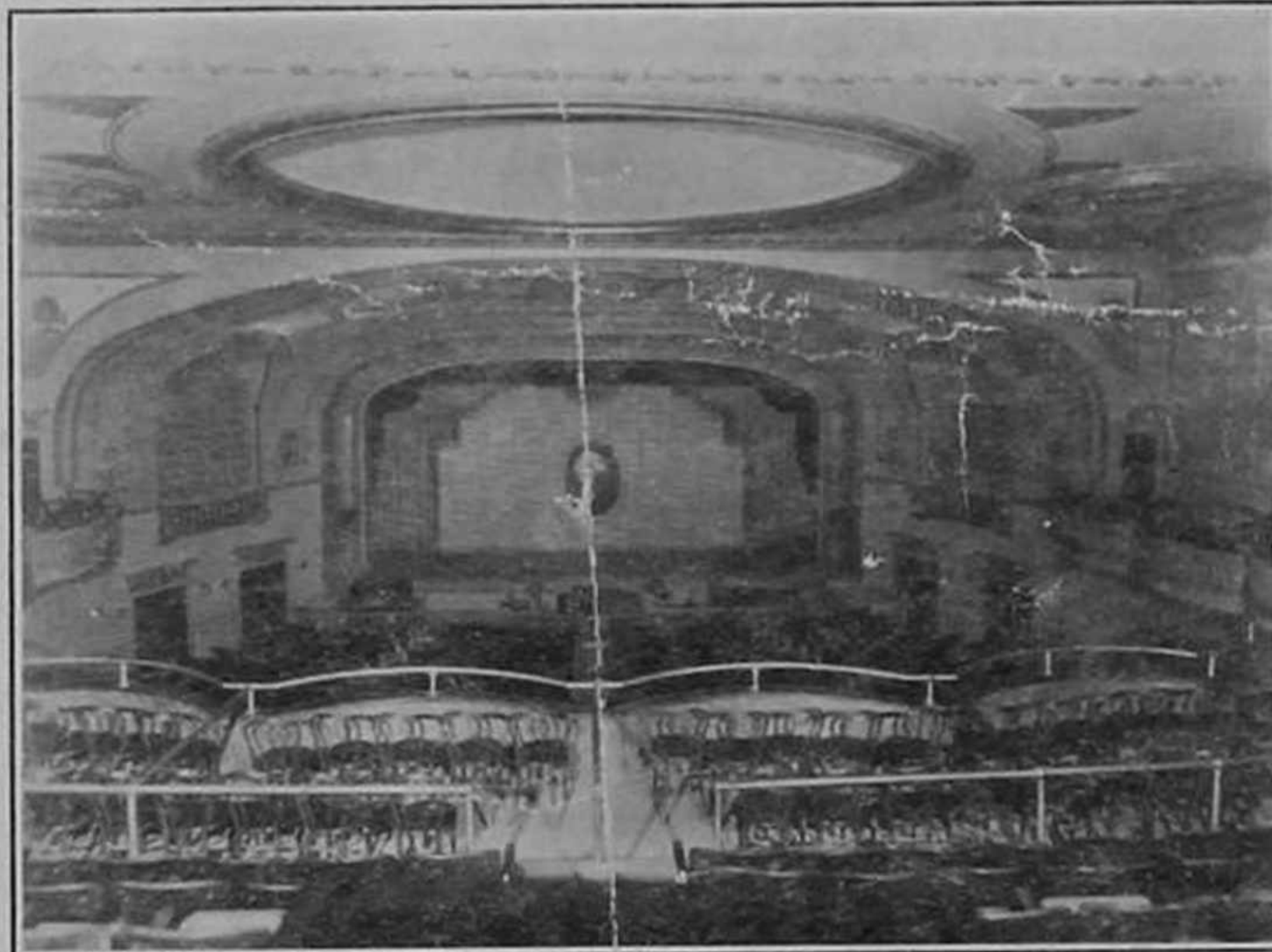


Looking from Main Lobby to Foyer of Auditorium

The show spot of Granite City was started by Louis Landau, Jr., July 3rd, 1910 and opened on December 21st, 1910, under the control of the Lillian Amusement Co., an Illinois Corporation, with Mr. Landau as manager.

At that time the theatre seated 750 but several years later a balcony was added making a seating capacity of 1200. The Air Dome was built April, 1911, and the Rialto Theatre management was taken over and added to the company's business May 1st, 1918. On January 1st, 1923, Mr. Landau bought out the Lillian Amusement Co. and is now sole owner. On February 12th, 1923, at Lincoln, Illinois, Mr. Landau closed a contract with R. Levine & Co., of Chicago, to build a new theatre. This was started on May 17th, 1923, and the new theatre opened December 21st, 1923, just thirteen years after the first business venture.

The new theatre seats 1,780, has a lobby 18 feet wide 150 feet deep and 21 feet high; a stage opening of 46 feet, and 55 feet from wall to wall, 28 feet deep and 60 feet high, with dressing



Main Auditorium looking from Balcony Foyer to Stage

rooms under the stage. It has the Reynold's System of heating under the seats and a cooling system during the summer season. It has an up-to-date first aid room, baby garage room, play room with nurse in charge, ladies' rest room and many other modern features that make it one of the finest in the State. A splendid Barton Organ was installed in the new theatre and Walter Parker was selected as the organist. The organ can be raised to an advantageous position when being played and lowered when not in use. The orchestra is under the able management of Frank Reidelberger.

The members of the house staff are Mrs. May Brucks, Mrs. Richard Howard, Mrs. Self, Mrs. Pearl Cavin, William Wing, Jess Banks, Frank Campbell, Charles Brucks, Richard Howard, Pat Morman, Louis Shick, Ray Reeder, Jimmie Smith, Clarence Briggs, Baxter Arnold, Thomas Campbell, Harold Leresche, Joe Walcott, Geo. Raffelle, Jim Collins, Mrs. Dorothy Westbrook, Miss Gertrude Thompson, Mrs. Cunningham, Miss Winifred Turner, Miss Irma Ranney.



Main Auditorium looking from Stage



LOUIS LANDAU, JR.



Main Auditorium, first floor looking from Foyer to Stage

The State Board of Health and State Fire Marshall inspected the new building and passed in favor of it as regards health, sanitation and safety, voting it 100% modern. It is for the comfort and pleasure of you and your friends.





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